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Foreword

How can we evade the conclusion that everyone who has dared to think, and express those thoughts, has been impelled by the conviction that his particular concept has been THE ONE outstandingly correct? Hence, with the passing of time the number of creeds, theories and private interpretations increase.

In the following treatise, it is the hope of the author to demonstrate not more of theories, or some new cult, but rather to present a perspective of God's manifestation to man that will speak for itself. Not to add to the already existing confusion, but to present an increased perspective of Truth by the lifting of a VEIL which has kept so many in darkness, and in partial understanding.

In *Ephesians 3:5-6*, Paul – the great Apostle unto the Gentiles – states very clearly that the Mystery of God's will had been His down through the ages; that only then had it been revealed to His holy Apostles that

> *"the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel...."*

THAT fact had never been understood by Israel previous to that time. In fact, it was difficult for the seed of Abraham to accept it! And few indeed did! Pertaining to that selfsame 'mystery', Paul writes in his second Epistle to the *Corinthians, 3:12-14*, that he uses. . .

> *"great plainness of speech, and not as Moses who put a*

veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which IS abolished; but their minds were blinded; for, until this day remaineth the same VEIL untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament, which veil is done away in Christ."

In those words we are clearly shown that Moses' act of veiling had an important significance: prefiguring the "mystery of God's will," which should not be fully apparent to those who heard Moses, neither to their children who were to hear that LAW down through the generations.

In *Genesis 24:65*, we read about Abraham's servant returning with the bride-to-be for Isaac, and how as she approached, she threw a veil over her face. . . . Comparatively few students of God's Word have realized that Rebekah's act of veiling was similar to that of Moses' veiling: that it prefigured "a mystery of God's will" in connection with His Church (bride) typified by Rebekah. And because this veil of mystery has clung to Rebekah down through the ages, we have with us today multitudinous churches, dogmas and 'private interpretations'. . . .

Therefore, in this work an effort is made to lift that veil – at least in part – that many may behold in a measure of clarity, the rapturous beauty of the maiden's face – for which "the son of promise" waited. And may the lifting of this veil cause many to rejoice, and countless numbers to forsake their state of lukewarmness – ENTERING INTO THAT TRUE ARDOR OF SUCH AS HAVE COME FACE TO FACE WITH WONDROUS BEAUTY.

– *The Author*

Introduction

It has been the way of our Lord and God since the advent of man, to reveal such portions of Truth as could be used for his spiritual advancement. Other portions of Truth – equally as important, or even more important – remained hidden from man's perspective until such time as it was well for him to understand.

> ***"Precept upon precept; line upon line; here a little, and there a little."***
>
> ***Isaiah 28:10***

Thus has always manifested His Spirit, giving to man those portions of meat due for that particular season. Some of these retained Truths were prefigured by types, rites and ordinances; few of which were but vaguely understood, even by the leaders of the time.

The "shadow of better things to come" was not an open book!

With the advent of Christianity much of this darkness was dispelled, yet not all. Even the holy Apostle did NOT receive the fullness of the light, to which Paul freely confesses in *I Corinthians 13:12*, in saying that he could only ***"know in part,"*** and see ***"as through a glass darkly."*** Even 10 years after Pentecost – though it may have been as much as 13 – it took a mighty revelation from Heaven to prepare Peter psychologically to set out for the house of Cornelius. And, on his return to Jerusalem, he was called on the carpet by that very

Church to give an account of his conduct! After over 10 years of coaching by the Holy Spirit, it came as a staggering shock to the Firstborn Church of the Circumcision, that Peter had gone into consort with the Gentiles! To them, THEY only were God's people! SO LITTLE did they understand of the "mystery of God's will" up to that moment!

Ever since, the church has maintained much the same psychology: that they HAVE received *the fullness of the light;* that there is nothing more to look for! And THAT, for which we neither look nor pray, is usually slow in coming into full view. . . . Yet we must understand that "God changes not." IF so, then the tactics He employed in the days of the Patriarchs and Moses, remain still the basis of His conduct. In other words: He reveals portions of Truth – ***"here a little and there a little"*** as and when it is deemed expedient for man to receive it. Therefore must we with eagerness reach out for HIS ADDED portions of Holy Truth.

We have seen how the veiling by Moses typified a mystery which should not be understood by his people. He (Moses) was a type of Christ. Therefore the mystery of His will could not be fully discerned through the ordinances of the Divine Law at the time.

We know that as "the son of promise," Isaac was a type of the promised Messiah, Who was to be the Son of the Heavenly, or 'high Father', after the manner that Isaac was the son of Abram (which means 'high father'). It follows, then, that Rebekah was a type of the Bride of Christ. And, in the fact that she threw a veil over her face when she got off the camel at eventide, as Isaac was approaching in the field, are we again reminded of a mystery which is to enshroud the Church of Christ right up to the last moment of her stay here on earth!

There were thus TWO VEILS: one by Moses and the other taken by Rebekah. (Paul – the foremost in illumination – spoke of Moses' veil, but it had not been given him to apprehend the veil of Rebekah!) These two veils answer to the two

veils in the Mosaic Tabernacle set up in the wilderness. Therein the first veil separated between the profane court and the Holy Place within the sanctuary. Beyond, the priesthood. This veil has the same symbology as that taken by Rebekah, depicting the mystery which veils her until she is about to be taken into the INNER Tabernacle of her Lord and coming King. From a purely material perspective, she portrays the Israel people unto whom God is married *(Jer. 3:14)*.

The 2nd veil divided between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. It corresponds to the veil taken by Moses – himself portraying The Great Deliverer to come. The Temple veil was rent from top to bottom at the time of the Cross, and Paul tells us *that* symbolized all barriers removed: that now there is free access to the Throne of Grace. Yet that great Apostle freely admitted he could but ***"see as through a glass darkly."*** Why? Moses placed the veil over his *face the second time!* Thus bespeaking the people's grossness in not being ready – or able – to look unto the end of the mystery, even after the True Light had come into the world. . . . And so, dullness of vision has been our lot down to this day, both as pertains to the Holy Place, as well as the Holy of Holies. Our chief trouble in the past, and still our besetting folly, is our blinding psychology of conceit, in that we think we have been given ALL to know. Yet herein have we been much to blame, wilfully ignoring the great promise given by Christ when He said:

> ***"Therefore, every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, who brings forth out of his treasure, things new and old."***
>
> ***Matthew 13:52***

In this saying of our Lord we are told very clearly that we are to bring forth out of the wondrous storehouse of treasure, things NEW and old. In fact, the things which are NEW are given the preference through first mention, pointing to the fact that if properly instructed unto the Kingdom, we should eagerly seek out the blessing of the Holy Spirit to the end that we might bring forth NEW treasures: GEMS never

seen before!

It was not given unto the Church at Pentecost nor in the few decades that the Apostles survived, to reveal ALL Truth for this dispensation. The glorious storehouse of Spirit is overflowing with treasure magnificent, awaiting humble householders to seek out gems never beheld. Therefore shall we now proceed to view a panorama of beauty wherein the might and majesty of Infinite Wisdom is manifest in a way that few people have ever suspected (because of Rebekah's Veil)! As this veil is gradually lifted – in a measure – we shall see how the mighty miracles wrought by Christ not only constituted great works in His day which witnessed to His divinity, but also constituted doctrinal Truths, as well as clear-cut prophecies unto the end of the age.

Should it be a hard thing to believe that He Who beheld eternity in the sweep of His eye, and stretched forth the universe by the creative power of His spoken word, should find it difficult to *teach Truth and also ENACT PROPHECY through the foreseen and predetermined deeds of mercy (miracles)? Hardly!*

Be sure to test yourself on the substance of each chapter by using the questions pertaining thereto beginning on page 187. The answers follow the section of questions.

Chapter 1

Marriage in Cana

In the Gospel of ***St. John, 2:1-11***, we are given the account of a marriage at Cana to which Jesus and His disciples had been called. It is commonly believed that this marriage was that of a sister to Jesus because His mother was there, and apparently assuming more authority than otherwise she would have done. Nevertheless, that is conjectural, and cannot be considered vital to the narrative. Since the principals of the marriage feast are not mentioned, we are to understand that their identity was not important. But all factors enumerated in the episode are to be evaluated, in order that we may derive its spiritual message.

In this, as in other mighty sayings and works we shall study, it becomes necessary to enter into an understanding of the names used. Names are of paramount significance. Without a knowledge of their meaning, the spiritual portent of the narrative is largely lost. (All name-meanings applied in this work are in accord with those given by the Rev. C.H. Wright in the *BIBLE READER'S MANUAL*; also *NAMES* as compiled by E.N. Hamilton.) [See Glossary of names, pages 182-184.]

In the ministry of our Lord we find 2 major arenas for His activities. One was Judea and Jerusalem. This was the special field of ministration unto the Jews, for ***"He came unto His own and His own received Him not" (Jn. 1:11)***. Jerusalem is the city

of 'Peace', as well as the seat of "the Great King." Therefore were His works in Jerusalem and in Judea of *special significance unto the Jews.*

The other field was Galilee, confined largely to the immediate vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. The word means a 'circuit' or a 'ring'. It links with the "circle of the earth" ***(Isa. 40:22)***. Presumably, the lake was thus named because of its contour. Thus we are to understand that special works performed in Galilee were not of limited implications, but constituted His message unto the circuitous area of the entire world. Therefore, the marriage at Cana *prefigured an event of world importance,* or as affecting peoples and nations of all areas. It was not to apply exclusively to the Jews.

The word Cana is from the same root as Canaan. It refers to a 'lowland', or a 'land of reeds'. Since reeds thrive on lower land, the terms become synonymous. Therefore, Cana and Canaan have a dual significance. First, this world as the 'lowland' in contrast to Heaven as the High-land; secondly, Canaan as the 'promised land' typifies the Kingdom of God, 'promised' unto those who are FULLY obedient. Later, we shall look at 'Cana' again.

The recorded miracle performed was that of converting 6 brim-filled waterpots into good wine; and, it was GOOD wine as testified to by the 'governor of the feast'.

At the time of His "last supper" He took the cup of wine, saying: ***"...This is My BLOOD of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*** This identifies the grape-wine with His blood.

There are two kinds of wine: NEW and OLD. The first is subject to souring, fermentation and spoilage. It has no keeping qualities of its own; neither can it preserve anything immersed therein. On the other hand, OLD wine, that is, grape juice fully fermented, has its sugar content transformed into spirit; it is completely changed. Such a wine has indefinite keeping qualities, and has also a preserving quality for any

perishable immersed in it. This is true of all 'spirits' (alcohol).

Thus we see that the fresh grape juice, or NEW wine corresponds to the common human blood which is subject to fermentation, putrefaction and death. The common human blood courses with the lusts of the flesh, which are typified by the natural sugars in the grape juice. These are the human desires which seem so sweet to the man of flesh. These desires expressed contrary to Divine decree, become that which is Biblically termed "sin." And like the sweets in the grape, these lusts sour and spoil, leading to death.

Today – maybe in all ages – there are people who do more wishful thinking than they do reasoning. Since they imagine that there is 'sin' in a drop of fully matured wine, they postulate that the wine imbibed by Jesus and His Disciples was but a pleasant, fresh fruit juice! It takes but the slightest reflection to determine the matter beyond dispute.

In Palestine, the grape commences to ripen in July. Even the latest ripening must be gathered in September. Consider then, the semi-tropical climate of the land, and that the Jewish Passover arrives towards the close of March or early April. That nets an absolute minimum of 6 months between final days of vintage and the Passover season. Neither had they refrigeration in those days. Consequently, the grape and the grape juice could not be kept fresh for 6 months. IF kept at all, it would be fermented and well on its way to being a matured wine!

To the fact of fermentation, and the maturing of wine, testified the Christ Himself when saying that ***"...no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved" (Lk. 537-38)***. (The "bottles" were of skins. If old ones were used, then the strain of fermentation was more than they could take.) Search the Scripture and you will find no condemnation of wine, but you do of the 'new wine'! Otherwise the condemnation is

with reference to *EXCESS.*

Thus we see that fresh grape juice was entirely out of the question at the Passover season. Therefore, the wine of the cup at the Last Supper which Jesus blessed and gave to His disciples was a *matured wine.* And He identified it with His blood! And rightly so, because the blood of the Christ did not course with sin, neither was He subject to sickness and death as is the natural man. His blood – like the fully matured wine – had *keeping* qualities, as well as *cleansing* and *preserving* qualities.

Though it be a slight digression, it seems in place to draw attention to the sacrilegious practice by many churches to serve a preserved, fresh grape juice as the "wine" of the "Lord's Supper." THAT is like declaring His blood coursed with the lusts of the flesh and was subject to fermentation, decay and death; that it had no keeping qualities of its own and, therefore, could neither cleanse nor preserve anything else! Just how stupid, and blasphemous (by conduct) can some of our ecclesiastical leaders be? Could the Lord bless a false emblem? Could He say "this is my blood" of something not truly representative of His blood? Can, or will the Lord today bless sacrilegious emblems of His body and blood? And trafficked in by blind and apathetic Church leaders!

Coming back to the miracle at Cana, we see where the water was converted into wine. Since we see by the account, two verses later, that the Passover feast was at hand not many days thereafter, we know that the wine FIRST served at that marriage feast was of necessity a matured wine. And, we have the word of those in charge that the miraculous wine – later served – was the better of the two. It was therefore emblematic of the blood of Christ. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that it typified blood *free from the taint of sin.*

There were six waterpots ***"after the manner of the purifying of the Jews."*** As we search the Scriptures and study the Tabernacle ordinances, we find that water was used for cleansing, yet with a far deeper implication. This was more fully brought

out by our Lord when He said to Peter: ***"IF I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me" (Jn. 13:8)***. Here we realize that He referred to a cleansing of the soul from every taint of sin, rather than the outward rinsing away of dirt. Again, ***"...whosoever will, let him take the water of Life freely" (Rev. 22:17)***. Other Scriptures also concur, leading to the conclusion that water is used as a symbol of SOUL, or soul qualities. And when used for cleansing, implies a soul-penetrating cleansing that reaches to the depths of the one's being.

There were *SIX* waterpots. We know that on the 6th day of the creative week, man was brought forth. It is therefore "the number of man" in his present relationship to God. Throughout Scripture we find the number 6 and its multiples used in connection with sin, or the withstanding of God's will. The spearhead of Goliath weighed 600 shekels of iron ***(I Sam. 17:7)***, while Nebuchadnezzar's great image of gold was 6 cubits broad and 60 high ***(Dan. 3:1)***. Also, ***Revelation 13:18*** speaks of the Beast whose number is three sixes (666), which ***"is also the number of man."*** Thus for the present era, 6 becomes the number of man's error, sin or disobedience to the will of God.

Thus as we view the principal factors involved in the miracle at Cana, they speak to us of a transformation of the soul-elements (water) in the sin-filled human (6) bodies (earthen water-pots), to that of an incorruptible blood stream. The final analysis of that is immortality in human flesh.

The balance of the factors lend more detail. It was a marriage. This speaks of responsibility assumed on the part of the groom, and of obedience and companionship on the part of the bride. Thus are we shown through this miracle, that the present human family is going to be brought into a union and fellowship with God, and through obedience and faithfulness to the new Law of Life – which will then be known – 'man's blood-stream will be transformed by the power of Christ to a new potential, to the end that *man shall be a deathless being!*

However, we should not jump to the conclusion that this bespeaks one hundred percent of the human family, simultaneously entering into that experience. For, a wedding festivity is not for the whole world in which to partake, but rather for a selected number. And again, this marriage was at Cana of Galilee. The fact of it being in Galilee shows us that it is not to be exclusive for the Jews, but rather OPEN unto the whole world. Yet it was also at Cana – where reeds abound on the lowland. That speaks to us of earth, but of the specific conditions answering to Cana. Trees typify nations and great rulers – men of renown. Grass is symbolic of the common mass of humanity without distinction. While the REEDS (Cana) on the lowland bespeak those who are HUMBLE. They are one and the same as those of whom it is written: ***"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5)***. Through immortality in the flesh, manifestly, they become the heirs of the earth!

It would be folly to assume that all mortals enter into the destiny of immortality at one given moment. The Prophet Isaiah, speaking of those days, said: ***"...but the sinner, being an hundred years old shall be accursed" (65:20)***. It is therefore manifest that worldwide righteousness and implicit obedience to God, is not to take place at any specified moment previous to some time following the Great White Throne Judgment. But during the millennium, as now, people shall remain their own free moral agents; neither shall all esteem immortality and the pleasure of God as being the prime objective of life, then, any more so than now. Yet with one vast difference: *immortals shall live for all to see what constitutes the rewards of OBEDIENCE* unto God, and the Law of Life shall be fully known, with no uncertainties attached.

Therefore was this prophetic miracle based in Cana of Galilee, showing that it was for the meek and the humble throughout the entire world, *who through faith and obedience, enter into immortality* in the flesh. It will be "Paradise regained," but with much ADDED unto it:

that knowledge of good and evil which shall effectively prevent a second falling away from God.

Both in the Great Pyramid and in the Bible are veiled prophecies indicating the possibility that BEFORE this "marriage at Cana," could a smaller number qualify for "immortality in human flesh," but they would be like unto a 'first-fruits' ripened before the main harvest of immortals in 'Cana of Galilee'.

When is this marriage to take place? ***"And the THIRD DAY there was a marriage in Cana...."*** Since this links with the life of Jesus, it is logical to assume that the 2 days of 2000 years ***(II Pet. 3:8)*** are computed from His birth, thus terminating at the close of the present century. Therefore, the 'third day' will answer to that period known as the 'Millennial Reign'.

The reader should not confuse the Marriage at Cana with "the marriage of the Lamb." The latter is that great event following the translation of His Church. And the state entered into by the members of His Bride will far transcend that of earthly mortals; for, their bodies will be like unto the glorified body of Jesus following the resurrection. While "Cana of Galilee" emphasizes the EARTH condition as pertains to humble and obedient human beings who are alive on the 3rd day. The marriage speaks of being made ONE with the Lord and Savior, and His assuming full responsibility for the maintenance of that body which enters into allegiance with Him. Yet their attainment to immortality in flesh will not grant them any of the greater powers enjoyed by the translated Church of Christ.

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory...." That statement links it prophetically and definitely to the commencement of the Millennial Reign. It will be the 'first miracle' or manifestation of power by CHRIST THE KING in the New Era approaching. It envisions a completely changed and NEW Dispensation, where the humble ones deemed worthy to enter shall be freed from the curse of sin: its consequence of sickness, sorrow and death.

They shall be free from its curse, for, they shall no longer be "servants of sin".... The multitudinous desires and lusts of the carnal man (natural grape-sugars) shall be a thing of the past (for them), as they settle down to long enjoy the labor of their hands in "garments that wax not old"!

THUS was a new page in history written when well over 100 gallons of water were transformed by the power of the spoken Word into delectable wine. And thus also shall a future page of history – more resplendent than all its predecessors – be written when the 'prophetic type' He wrought in drama of human life, SHALL SPRING FORTH INTO A LIVING REALITY!

THUS elected the Lord of Life to commence His Ministry-in-Power; THUS He chose to teach us that the human bodies (earthen vessels) must FIRST be BRIM-filled with the entire potential of the human soul (water), then freely subjected to the transforming power of His Spirit. Thus is

THE MYSTIC ALCHEMY WROUGHT
RESTORING MORTAL MAN
TO THE LOST EDENIC ESTATE!

Chapter 2

2000 Swine Obsessed

In the previous chapter we viewed the Lord's first miracle, and saw how it spoke of His first great work in definitely establishing the people for the impending earth-kingdom, as the next century opens.

It is common practice among many of this generation, for frauds who pose as being in touch with 'Masters' of the Unseen world, to write volumes about alleged peoples and events of the distant past, or to graph in chosen words the wonders of ages and times well beyond the life-span of this generation! But how remarkably silent are such shysters about the immediate future of men and nations! They can graph in bewitching style the treasures or details of some undiscovered chamber in the Great Pyramid (knowing full well that the Egyptians are not going to tear it down for inspection), but when a Lindberg loses his beloved child, or someone else is caught in unspeakable tragedy, these would-be Masters of our age remain discreetly silent and tactfully in the shadows! For they have enough intelligence to know that their pretensions to vast knowledge is but a farce and deception which would quickly be exposed were they to openly attempt in public a demonstration of that which they do not possess!

But not so with this writer of these chapters. No pretentious claim is made – merely the DEMONSTRATION of an

UNVEILING of Spirit-treasures hidden down through the ages, and commissioned to reveal.

Although the first chapter dealt with conditions which will be well beyond the expected life-span of many readers, yet the Christ in His earthly ministry dealt with all times and conditions, but especially those very conditions and times in which we live. Therefore will the bulk of these Revelations-in-Truth deal with our present times and conditions, either immediately past or on the breaking horizon.

Know for a certainty that the Lord of Life – by Whose word fiery nebulae in space swirled into its sweep through time – KNEW OUR DAY in its minutest detail. And to establish His Divinity unto you and me and generations yet unborn, did He choose the time and manner and details of His mighty works, that in veiled language they should speak to us of mysteries yet undreamt of, of nations and peoples and times, and of the details of the end of this age. Thus shall His Divinity be established beyond dispute to the end that "every knee shall bow before Him."

And, in beholding these Treasures NEW, shall every reader be built up in the faith to worship his Maker and Savior; and to get prepared for the world-rocking events of tomorrow; yes, also for the hour of anguish which is to settle upon the world.

Lest, then, some may think that this book is but to deal with conditions beyond our own life, we shall immediately commence with conditions in the immediate present. Thus shall the vision and power of our Lord be demonstrated, and, incidentally, also the mission of a commissioned servant.

We find the details of this miracle in connection with the healing of the demoniacs as recounted in the Gospels of ***Matthew, Mark*** and ***Luke***, chapters *8, 5* and *8* respectively. ***Mark's*** Gospel gives the most detail for this narrative study; so we shall briefly view the salient factors as set

forth in *Mark 4:35-41* and *5:1-15*:

"And the same day, when the even was come, He saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

And when they had sent away the multitude, they took Him even as He was in the ship. And there were also with Him other little ships.

And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of Man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

And when He was come out of the ship, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him,

And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure Thee by God, that Thou torment me not.

* *For He said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.*

* *And He asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name* is *Legion: for we are many.*

* *And he besought Him much that He would not send them away out of the country.*

* *Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.*

* *And all the devils besought Him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*

* *And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were* ABOUT TWO THOUSAND;*) and were choked in the sea.*

* *And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.*

* *And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and* <u>*in his right mind*</u>*. . . .*"

There is a great deal involved in this mighty miracle recorded, neither can its spiritual significance be attached to one isolated prophetic Truth. It is vast and sweeping in its embrace and has – in parts – several different applications.

We will scan the major portions of these. This, like most of the Lord's miracles, took place outside of Judea. It commenced on the storm-tossed waters of Galilee, and wound up in Gadara, shortly to the south of the Lake in that stretch of land originally allotted to the tribe of Gad.

In its first and general aspect, we see the *close* of day when the Lord said unto those who followed Him intimately (disciples): *'Let us go over unto the other side!'* He had been engaged all day in preaching and in teaching the multitudes, speaking from a boat buoyed on the waters of Galilee. But His teachings were in parables unto the multitude, while the twelve were favored with more explanations.

This depicts beautifully the Spirit of God pleading with the soul of humanity down through the ages. He pleads with man through the parabolic power of personal experience and observations, as well as through Holy Writ. But now as then, the multitudes are slow of heart and understanding to profit fully. Individuals and nations alike go through mishaps, tragedy and war with but the faintest apprehension what it is all about! . . . Only those who strive to live close to Him – like the disciples – are favored with a fuller understanding of their uncertain fortune and strange experiences, as well as the beauty and the strength of His words of Life. . . . But evening comes when teaching draws to a close; when The Lord of Life speaks plainly:

* *'the time is at hand, pass over unto the other side.'*

For many ages now, the faithful have waited, eagerly hoping, yearning to hear that blessed invitation: "Pass over unto the other side." Yet now THAT day is almost closed – the shadows lengthen – SOON the Lord of Life shall speak....

Directional symbology

Here we must momentarily pause to consider another form of symbolism, that we may better understand and grasp the Truths of God's mysterious way. For, unless we know His language, Truth evades us.

In the ***26th*** and ***27th chapters*** of ***Exodus*** we are given the details of the Mosaic Tabernacle, and its mode of erection. Specific instructions were given as to its placement and directions. Realize then, that such detailed instructions were not specified because of any peculiar notions on the part of God, but rather. . .

* that everything should conform to TRUTH in the standard
* of God's "shadow of better things to come."

The pitching of this Tabernacle was to face east; that is, its only entrance on the east end. The Sanctuary proper was

located in its western half, with the Holy of Holies in the westernmost end of the Sanctuary. Even at a casual glance it becomes evident that the profane linked with the east, while the holy things with the west, and the state of sacredness increasing with one's progress west.

The Tabernacle was set up that the children of Israel might have a place to worship Him Who brought them out of Egypt with signs and mighty wonders. Had they not all witnessed His great power and guiding hand? Had He not wrought a marvelous deliverance for them? Was it not REASON in their sight that they should worship this God Who walked with them and wrought for them? Thus, as the entrance gate to the place of that worship was on the east, it links *that* direction with our senses and process of *REASON*. Even by more natural analogy the same applies. For, as the sun rises in the east to illuminate the earth that man may see, similarly does *reason* guide our steps. (At any rate, *that* is the intention. . . .)

In contrast to REASON and the east, stood the holiest things of God in the west, where also the Shekinah glory appeared. THAT direction becomes synonymous with WORSHIP.

As for the north and south, God also gave specific instructions. For, we find within the Holy Place that the Table of Shewbread had its allotment on the north side, while on the south side stood the Golden, seven-pronged Candlestick, always burning. Thus, the food to sustain the human body – on the Table of Shewbread – linked with the NORTH side. But the light of the Golden Candlestick – symbolic of the Seven Spirits before the Throne of God – shone from the SOUTH SIDE, typifying the Divine light we receive through the organism of the Church. We have therefore,

* EAST: intellect; reason
* NORTH: the human body; material conditions.
* SOUTH: ethics, idealism, spirituality.
* WEST: faith, worship, God.

With the factors of direction in mind, we come back to the miracle under scrutiny. Here, then, we find that the preaching took place on the seashore close to Capernaum, which is at the northern end of the Lake. This speaks to us of the Lord's teaching, and patient wooing Spirit while we are still engrossed in the things of earth (north).

Taking His disciples and crossing over to Gadara meant going south, to the very southern end. Again that links perfectly with the spiritual significance already mentioned, that the "pass over to the other side" command, was a direct allusion to the long awaited rapture of the Church! THAT event will involve those two very factors: the crossing over from the north (human body in worldly condition) to the southern extremity – typifying the glorified bodies in the effulgence of Soul!

On their arrival near there, the encounter with the demoniacs took place. In its primary aspect, this "man whom none could tame," dwelling in the tombs, obsessed by a legion of devils, speaks to us of the chief Prince of Hell's legions who is not subject to binding by man.

In ***Revelation 12:5-9***, we are shown that as soon as 'the man-child' of the Church is caught up to Heaven, war in Heaven follows immediately, with the result that the Devil and his legions are cast down to earth. Knowing, then, that his time is short, he goes about in great fury. This answers to the obsession of the swine which we shall deal with shortly.

In a secondary sense it could be said that the demoniacs typify the awaited Anti-Christ: the Beast and his false prophet. In a more limited sense, it speaks of the individual who may find speedy riddance of the legion of devils within by running to meet the constantly approaching Christ. . . . Through worship and entreaty – as did the demoniac – such a person shall soon be "sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed upon, and in his right mind...." That "right mind" is the mind of Christ which towers majestically far above the uncleanness of the tombs and the evils of darkness' power.

To understand its more specific application to present-day conditions in its prophetic sense, we must grasp the nature of the general scene.

First, this is a scene which Jesus comes upon; a condition He finds. Bear also in mind that Gadara was a part of the Holy Land, even though its inhabitants at the time were not Jews. And remember that previous to the Cross of Calvary, swine constituted a great abomination of uncleanness. (They still do to the orthodox Jew.) Picture then – if you can – this herd of swine, about 2000, feeding in the Holy Land! Not merely feeding there, but an actual swine trafficking on a grand scale! Does it not speak to us of a colossal evil and uncleanness in a Holy place?

We turn back the pages of history to find the counterpart of the symbolic figure we are studying. Comparably, we find that in 63 B.C., Jerusalem had been taken, but a number of the faithful resisted in the Temple. After three months of siege their resistance collapsed; the Temple was taken and 12,000 Jews massacred. Pompey – the swine from Rome – not only entered the Temple, but also entered the Holy of Holies! He entered where it was not lawful for mortal to stand – save the one anointed and appointed thereto. Here we see the monstrous and colossal desecration of the Holiest place – of which the 2,000 swine in Gadara were but an anti-typical reflection.

Think you that God would permit the Holy place established for His worship to be grossly desecrated and yet not call the transgressor to reckoning? Yes, and even more! For, Rome under Pompey was Mistress of the world. Therefore, as the head of the world he brought the whole Gentile world into judgment! God is not mocked. . . .

Coming back to the miraculous cleansing of the demoniac, we see how the SENTENCE upon this diabolic desecration was carried out by The Great Judge: so, the demon horde infest the swine which stampede to their own destruction!

That speaks of the end of the present dispensation when the lashing waves of an angry sea commence to beat in fury, threatening to engulf the little craft which bears the faithful. It speaks of worldwide troubles (Sea of Galilee) and tribulations mounting, that shall make the very elect cry out:

"Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"

Then, when world conditions assume truly serious proportions, the Master arises, saying:

"Peace, be still!"

Mark 4:38-39

The ensuing great calm is realized by the disciples (Church) in finding themselves approaching 'the other side,' where grief and tempest are not known, neither the raging of angry waves.

Yet here (then) commences the mighty drama, when war in heaven results and Satan is ejected – "cast down to the earth," and "his place (abode) was found no more"... ***(Rev. 12:7-9)***.

The 2000 swine obsessed typify the Gentile nations (nations within that body of which Rome was the head) who are going to take leave of their right senses, plunging themselves into the final conflict of the ages!

THAT – beloved in Christ – is His Judgment-in-Righteousness, and the inescapable decree of The "Judge of the Quick and the Dead"!

And now observe carefully: the short distance over which the swine stampeded – down a steep place – speaks of that short duration of time required to destroy themselves! Now for a bit of illuminating detail:

63 B.C. = Pompey desecrated the Holiest
+ 2000 Approximate number of swine (years)
1938 A.D. = + the unspecified short distance to the sea.

Were we to know the length of that distance, we could compute almost to the precise year of the final Gentile destruction. But that distance is not given. Neither should we overlook the word 'about' 2000 swine. Therefore, the time-measure is not to be construed as precision, but only approximate.

There are rather clear indications in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh that our present Calendar reckoning is actually 1 year in advance + the full 6000 year measure not terminating until September 2001 A.D. If so, then the foregoing computation would yield 1939 A.D.

Every reader is keenly aware that 1939 saw the opening of World War II[1], when Gentile nations precipitated horror upon themselves in a measure never recorded before in history. Neither does it require any sagely intellect to realize at this time that the said war terminated as an UNfinished war.

The avowed and great enemy of Christianity – hence of civilization – was precipitated, accidentally – as it were – to our side of defence against the then aggressor. With his increasing power he grows more truculent year by year. The time of reckoning with Gog cannot now be far off. Then shall the miracle-prophecy be fully consummated when the Gog-led, demon-inspired nations rise to the final attack. And God has revealed that their frenzy shall lead to their own undoing in the waters of oblivion. Yet not without a fearful, staggering cost to the nations of Christendom.

We have seen now how utterly amazing are the works of our Lord: revealing His Divine Insignia in that He demonstrated Judgment, as well as the span of the intervening era –

[1] Based on this miracle-prophecy, the writer put out a brochure in the winter of 1937, clearly stating that 1939 at the latest would see the commencement of war which would pave the way, or prepare the groundwork, for "Armageddon" to follow.... Students of 'prophecy' have yet to awaken to the fact that the 'prophecies' which they study and attempt to interpret, are but the outer fringe of God's massive, prophetic framework.

in and through the performance of this one miracle of compassion.

Yet we can look again. Or is the "arm of the Lord shortened" that He can only speak through one or two main features? Hardly!

In that Pompey from Rome entered the Most Holy, he not only desecrated the place by his own abominable, profane person, but by his entrance the most Holy encompassed him. Conversely did this become prophetic of his people and Gentile world to become enfolded in the power of God.

This commenced to be realized in the days of the Apostles who brought Christianity to Rome. Almost 300 years later, Christianity was officially recognized by Rome.

In the episode under study we find that our Lord displayed Judgment as affecting the desecration by Pompey. While to accomplish this, a trip by boat was made to Gadara and a return to Capernaum.

Thus, our second prophetic measure becomes the round-trip distance by boat. Although we are not told of the place they landed, Gamala is the one logical place suitable for boat landings, as well as entry into the "land of the Gadarenes." The straight line distance measures 8.13 Roman miles, or 16.26 round-trip. For Judgment – through the Spirit of God – this must be raised by 100 thus 16.26 x 100 = 1626 (years).

1626 years
311 – 313 A.D. Rome accepted Christianity
1937–1939 A.D. – Led by Mussolini, Rome became engaged in war (Spain, then World War) which led to Italy's defeat: the beginning of Judgment.

Perhaps the "mills of God grind slowly" but they grind with inexorable justice!

Although judgment and terrific tribulation is in store for Italy, yet she shall emerge into a favored position, and

be found "clothed and sitting at the feet of Jesus – in her right mind."

In closing, it may also be interesting to observe that although Judgment is meted out to Gentile nations, the prophetic miracle took place in Gad of the Holy Land. . . . In like manner will the final stage for battle be set in Palestine. Neither has any little detail been omitted, for, Leah said: "A troop comes" and she called his name Gad. To this factor did our Lord draw attention by choosing to go into the land of the Gadarenes for this miracle. And in that manner appears to be the opening of the final conflict when Gog shall send his troops into Palestine. When THAT takes place, and we see the confederacy of the western Christian nations rise to the defence of civil liberties in Palestine,

we shall then know that civilization's LAST HOUR hangs aquiver in the balance!

Again does the wisdom and righteousness of God stand vindicated; once more is the Divinity of Christ demonstrated. Assuredly, the puny power of a mere mortal, and man's intellect, could not cause a vast herd of swine to stampede to their destruction; neither therein to demonstrate prophecy and judgment to come. But the ways of God are not the ways of man. . . .

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD, O ISRAEL!"

Chapter 3

Christ Feeds 5000

In the two previous chapters we have seen how the Lord of Life spoke to us of mighty events to come, one of which is even now in process of fulfilling. Two major wars have we seen, and even now the great nations of the world are channeling the resources and productivity of its people into that which is called 'national defence'. Yet that is but another word of 'war'. Already it would appear that the nations are yielding to the obsessing frenzy of the Evil legion. What shall it then be like AFTER the demons are expelled from the Heaven-world, to obsess humankind? But that is a $64 question!

Lest we get into the mental habit of looking for 'prophecy' only, it might be well to glance back at the previous scene when the disciples were straining at the oars against the contrary wind and waves. It will also help to refresh the factors in our mind, for, merely to read and quickly forget is but as an entertainment without lasting value.

The outstanding factor which every Christian should fully assess is that of *Mark 4:38:*

> *"And He (Jesus) was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow. . . ."*

How true that is to life! Ever since those days have individual Christians assayed to cross the world-sea (Galilee) in

the strength of the arm of flesh, laboring far beyond normal capacity; spending extra hours in perspiration to conquer the raging waves of a contrary wind, struggling on, up to the very moment that the little barque of life seems ready to sink. Then comes the plaintive cry: ***"Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"*** Did He not arise and rebuke the raging elements? Followed not a great calm? Did He not then rebuke them for lack of faith? THAT rebuke – under the circumstances – was the same as saying in substance: How foolish can you be, toiling against the very elements, trusting to the brawn of your arm while discounting the power of God!

Let now the individual reader ask this personal question: Have I given my Lord and Savior a pillow to sleep in the hinder part of my own little ship of life? While by my own stupid self I strive to be both helmsman and oarsman!....

* Child on Life's water, WAKEN the Pilot; rouse now the
* Master 'ere seafoam be spraying; Call to the Heavens: your
* ship needs a Pilot!. . . . Rejoice and Relax, for the
* Helmsman is speaking, 'PEACE' to a troubled soul. . . .

On ***Matthew 14:13-21***, and also in the three other Gospels, we are given an account of one of His mightiest of all miracles wrought. Vaguely, it seems understandable that His touch could restore dead optic and auditory nerves, and that demons would tremble at His voice and flee. Yes, that even a departed spirit would hear His voice calling and return to the body it had recently left. But when it comes to satisfying the whetted appetite of 5,000 men, besides women and children, with but 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, THAT is resorting to a far higher POWER frequency! The probabilities are that there were well over 10,000 people who ate their fill from that portion of bread and fish originally in one small basket!

It is commonly understood – and rightly so – that this miracle was typical of the Christian dispensation, during which the Bread of Life would be REbroken for the multitudes by

the Church of Christ.

In carefully perusing the account of this mighty miracle, we could summarize the salient factors involved as:

* A DESERT PLACE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE.
* THE MULTITUDE FOLLOWED, REMAINING TILL EVENING;
* 5,000 MEN FED, BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
* 5 LOAVES OF BARLEY BREAD,
* 2 SMALL FISH;
* 12 BASKETS FULL OF REMAINING FRAGMENTS.
* DISCIPLES SENT ACROSS THE LAKE WESTWARD TO BETHSAIDA.
* IN THE NIGHT'S 4TH WATCH HE WALKS TO THEM UPON THE WATER.
* HAVING 'GONE OVER' THEY CAME TO THE LAND OF GENNESARET.

Since Christ stated plainly that He (the TRUE BREAD) came down from heaven (and 'cometh down', present active tense), giving life unto the world there can be no misunderstanding of the symbolic significance of the loaves of bread. But the fish are not so clearly portrayed in Scripture.

In the ordinances of the wilderness Tabernacle, Moses was instructed to make a 7-pronged candlestick. This was emblematic of the 7 Spirits before the Throne, who in turn are the 7 angels of the 7 Divinely ordained churches (see ***Rev. 1:20***).

Actually, the 7 golden candlesticks are the 7 Churches. But since the church is dead without its angelic investiture, the two become inseparable during this dispensation.

We find the total number of the units of food in the original basket as being 5 bread plus 2 fish, making a total of 7. This is the number of the Church.

It should be observed that the principal organized churches of today – in the sense of PARENT-bodies – number 7. Although there are countless churches by different names, the older organized *parent*-churches could be enumerated as being the:

1. Greek Orthodox
2. Roman Catholic
3. Anglican
4. Lutheran
5. Presbyterian
6. Baptist
7. Adventists (not 7th day exclusively)

The numerous other churches are offshoots from one or more of these parent bodies, since their doctrine, and mode of government have been borrowed from the elder (body).

These portray the 7-branched church in its organized set-up, but need not necessarily imply that they are the favored custodians of the 7 golden candlesticks.

IS IT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE that the last five of these churches dispense the "Bread of Life" freely, as they see it? – preaching salvation through faith in Christ. And is it without significance that the first two churches emphasize ceremonialism, and have resorted to days and seasons when FISH replaces meat?. . . . As fish are a denizen of the deep, and available for food long before man cultivated grains and learned to prepare bread, so were the two FISH-churches functioning a thousand years or more before any of the BREAD-churches of the Reformation came into being! Is it without significance that the 5 bread and 2 fish of this great miracle correspond precisely to the number of churches answering to that symbology?

As fish link with the depth and darkness of water, so does it portray, spiritually, factors of SOUL (water) which are not readily understood by the human mind.

More specifically it could be said that the bread and fish correspond with the bread and wine, or the body and blood of our Lord.

Is not fish LIFE IN THE WATER? And does not His word declare that "the Life is in the blood"? (See ***Lev. 17:13.***) In ***John 6:53*** we are told distinctly that we have no life in us except we eat the flesh and drink the blood of "the Son of man". . . . While fish and bread were the only items of food served on that memorable morning on the shore of Lake Galilee....

It is difficult – if not impossible – to escape the conclusion that fish is symbolic of the blood of Jesus Christ. And this becomes quite logical when we consider that fish is not only the 'life of the water' (soul), but that fish are cold-blooded creatures: *not beset with the passions common to warm-blooded mammals!*

Now we begin to get a clearer vision of this prophetic miracle of our Lord – or think you that He was just showing off His power? Was not the Lord of Life absolute Master of every moment? Was it not in His power to speak to generations unborn through the prophetic drama He enacted? Errors in numerous early transcriptions could take place, and errors in translation enter, but the simple factors of a mighty prophetic miracle are as fresh and clear today as in the day they made up an epochal drama. Therefore, by the Spirit-light He has given does He now speak to this generation in language which cannot be mistranslated, neither refuted by any scoffing philosopher. For, His Living Insignia is there, and the PROOF entrenched imperishably! Hear then His words and behold the majesty of wisdom's power. . .

– speaking to us of the hungering multitudes in a desert place where there is nothing for their famished soul – save 7: *the unit-number of His Church.* And this unit-number is composed of the Bread of Life and His cleansing, vitalizing blood which are the MIRACULOUS means of sustenance until the day is ended! Then when they are fully fed, there are still 12 baskets full of unused fragments gathered up "that nothing be lost." This is a "carry-over" but since the units of food amount to 7, we have to consider the 12 baskets as each holding 7 units.

To arrive at an understanding of the prophetic time-measure, we have to consider the various numbers involved as constituting a mathematical problem. This we shall now set down in the only logical manner it can be. And the test of its accuracy will be found when we apply the same formula to the facts involved in His feeding of 4,000 men later. For,

were this spirit-formula for translating His miracles into mighty prophecies only the invention of a finite mind, then its weakness would show up in the second application.

The first factor involved becomes (about) 5,000 men (besides women and children). The 5 barley loaves become the second factor, and constitute the 'denominator', while the 2 fish are the third factor and become the 'numerator'. The 12 baskets of 7 units apiece constitute a *carry-over,* or *an UNused portion to be subtracted.* The equation appears:

$$\frac{5000 \times 2}{5} = 2000, \text{ LESS } 84\ (12 \times 7) = 1916 \text{ (years)}$$

We can't help but notice that the first result (2000), answers almost precisely to the anticipated 2000 years from the birth of Christ – to terminate the present week of Creative manifestation. However, there is an unused portion which, naturally, must be subtracted from the first result. As shown above, that leaves 1916 years that the body of Christ is broken, while the mystery of His Life-giving Blood quickens the multitudes *UNTIL the 12 baskets full of leftovers are gathered together.*

Naturally, we must have a starting-point from which to reckon. In ***Matthew 14:15*** the disciples tell us that ***"...the time is now past...."*** That gives us the KEY, indicating that the time of commencement was some time previous. And, since we are dealing with the unit-number of the Church (7) and previous to Calvary's Cross, we must of necessity commence it with His ministry (dating from Jordan), during which He confirmed ***"the promises made unto the fathers" (Rom. 15:8)*** offering Himself freely for the life of the world.

To compute from the events founded in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, we get involved in chronologies. Very strong arguments can be raised to favor conflicting perspectives. But in all these prophetic demonstrations, the writer uses as standard the time-factors as set forth in his treatise on the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. As he sees it, the Pyramid's Spirit-based geometry indicates the birth of Christ to have taken place in

the Fall of 1 A.D., and the Crucifixion in the Spring of 35 A.D. . . .

To such as may not believe in the accuracy of the said datings, the odd few years' difference in the basic figures will not materially offset the conclusive result of any of the prophetic miracles elucidated in 'Rebekah's Veil'. . . . It should also be kept in mind that since the Great Pyramid indicates the close of the 6,000 year span (6 days of active manifestation) to not terminate until the Fall of 2001 A.D. by our present calendar – we are, therefore, 1 full year ahead in the count by our calendar. Thus what we write as '1950' is actually only '1949'.

On the foregoing basis, the Jordan Baptism took place in the Fall of

31 A.D. to which we add the
1916 years of prophetic measure
1947 A.D.

Bearing in mind the 1 full year advance count by our calendar, the foregoing figure of 1947 A.D. would actually read '1948' (by our calendar) as being the time prophetically indicated for the "gathering up of the 12 baskets full of fragments."

However, we should not overlook that all the Gospel accounts specify 'about' 5,000 men, besides the women and children. Therefore, we cannot take the result of the equation as being the precision measure to the month and day. It was not the intention that the miracle should net a decimal point time-measure. However, it is so amazingly close that we cannot help but stand in profound awe at the majesty of the wisdom displayed in this mighty miracle by the lowly Nazarene.

Surely, every reader is aware that the 'fragments' of Israel have been gathering for many years, and that in mid-May, 1948, the Jews became the reborn nation of Israel! They are the gathered up fragments of 12 baskets full: representative

number of the 12 tribes of Israel! It may be that present Jewry is predominantly the House of Judah, but few – if any – keen students of Scripture will deny that they include a representative number of the other 11 tribes as well.

Here, then, we see the amazing precision of the prophetic time-measure, even though we are told that the number fed was *"about...."* For, on the basis of the Pyramid chronology, the measure is only about 4 months out!! Had there been ONE MAN LESS (4,999), it would have cut 5 months off the duration, measuring into April 1948 (basis Pyramid chronology), to which a few weeks and days (for "women and children") would compute to precision for the rebirth of the Jewish nation: the gathering up of the 12 baskets full.

Was the wisdom of our Savior lacking when He gauged the time of their dispersion? OR was the might of our Great God limited when He pre-arranged all the details to fit perfectly into that majestic pattern which spoke of the means of our salvation; the nature of the predominant churches functioning throughout this spiritually dark and slumbering Dispensation; and the measure of time which would *PRECISION-CLIP* the epochal SIGN of the LAST DAYS: *the regathering of the 12 tribes of Israel?*

Is it not high time that we cast aside the foggy dreams we have had during this long night of darkness? That we look again for a fresh appraisal of the wondrous Word of God? Is it not time that we recognize the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth? Or did the Almighty God "give His glory unto another"? ***("My glory will I not give to another" – Isa. 42:8.)*** And, having fully recognized His identity, we shall commence to give more heed to His every word. And, if His word was important, then one thousand times more so was every one of His mighty miracles!

However, there are other important factors in this awe-inspiring miracle of the Christ. For, we are told in the *22nd* verse how He

"constrained His disciples to get into a ship and

go before Him unto the other side..."

– to Bethsaida on the western shore of the Lake. This Bethsaida was close to Capernaum, and not to be confused with the Bethsaida Julius to the northeast of the Lake.

Bethsaida means "a house of fishing." In that symbology are we shown clearly how the Spirit-message goes out to every Gospel worker in this day who has witnessed the feeding of the multitudes up to the very hour that the 12 baskets of leftovers were gathered together. The entreaty of the Lord is urgent as He CONSTRAINS them to get into the ship going west – towards "the house of fishing." Unto Peter at the first He had given the promise that he should become a 'catcher of men'.

As we have already seen by a survey of the Mosaic Tabernacle, going west refers to the true spirit of WORSHIP which can only take place in sincerity and Truth. Therefore, in the prophetic symbology of this narrative, it becomes like the Lord standing here in person today, urgently constraining every Minister and Gospel worker, saying:

Behold the mighty sign I have given you, in that beforehand I portrayed to you the precision measure unto the REgathering of the 12 baskets full of My dispersed people! Now, your time is exceedingly short! Pray then, and labor as never before that your Gospel-fishing may enclose that multitude of souls for which purpose I called you. . . .

However, in the narrative we are told that "the wind was contrary" so that they toiled exceedingly, making little progress. THAT is the prophetic picture for the Gospel-worker of today. (It is doubtful that many would dispute its correctness.) Contrary winds? Have we not automobiles to go for pleasurable drives instead of being concerned over the Word and Will of God? Have we not radio and television sets to keep us entertained instead of attending church? Have we not an abundance of all needs, so why bother God? Have not commercial interests and excitement seekers succeeded

in mostly abolishing reverence for our national day of worship, so that shows, sports and drinking may help us forget our Lord and Maker? Yes, these and more – beloved in Christ – are the 'contrary winds' which hamper the progress of our Ministers, evangelists and Gospel-workers to such extent that two and three times the effort nets very little gain!

But we must GO WEST! Otherwise we will never get to Bethsaida (House of Fishing). It calls for more consecration: an all-out dedication to God to the end that there may be more POWER manifest in our lives. It calls for Pentecostal endowment with power – not in claims but in deeds!

In the next scene we find the Savior walking upon the tempestuous waters as if He would pass them by. When with fear they cry out, He comforts them with His words. Peter assays to go forth to meet the Master, but fearing, he commences to sink. This portrays one of the end-time, organized churches as becoming engulfed in the world-sea of mounting troubles. It may be Peter's!

The Lord's coming to them upon the storm tossed sea, portrays again the Rapture (translation) of the Firstfruits of Jesus Christ, shortly following the commencement of real world (Galilee) troubles. And all of this is *immediately following the gathering together of the 12 baskets of leftover fragments* – of Israel's 12 sons!

There is a second witness to the correctness of this interpretation, for we find that as soon as they land they arrive at 'Gennesaret'. The word means: "the Garden of The Prince!

Have not the faithful followers and believers much longed for that very experience? – of safely landing their little barque and finding themselves in "the Garden of The Prince"?

We have witnessed the gathering together of the 12 baskets full of fragments; we see the new State of Israel recognized by the United Nations. By this we know that the taking of the Bride of Christ is drawing near, yes, at the very door. For, it is this selfsame night of spiritual darkness, as the world

tempest gathers with *"the sea and the waves roaring" (Lk. 21:25)*, that the Lord of Life commands those who follow Him very closely: *"Pass over unto the other side"!* And they came into the "Garden of The Prince"! (Gennesaret).

The 4th watch of the night in which Jesus came to them walking upon the water, does not enable us to pinpoint the year, yet it does approximate the time.

As the night had 4 watches, we may consider this as prophetic of 4 segments of equal duration of time in this night of spiritual darkness as immediately preceding the dawning of a new day.

The careful student of God's word and wondrous mysteries will not have failed to observe that in the feeding of the 5,000 men, they were commanded to sit down by companies, and in ranks by 50's and 100's. That makes a rectangular figure 50 x 100, totalling 5,000. It is a duplication of the Mosaic Tabernacle which was 50 cubits x 100. In the Great Pyramid it corresponds with the King's Chamber on top of the 50th masonry course, ceiled with 100 stones. Like the wilderness Tabernacle, the King's Chamber is precisely twice as long as its own width. . . . The peculiar fact of our Lord commanding the multitude to be seated after this fashion, certainly bespeaks a link-up between the miracle and the Mosaic Tabernacle – as well as with the King's Chamber in the Pyramid. And the three have the same theme in common: worship of the coming King! While both the prophetic miracle and the Pyramid agree that this era has spilled almost its last grain of sand.

In the Gospel by John we get a few additional details which we shall now consider. There we see that when the disciples had rowed *"about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea..." (6:19)*.

Over and over again (truly it bears repeating) the writer stresses the fact that in the life and work of Jesus the Christ there are NO recorded details which have not their special

and EXTRAORDINARY SIGNIFICANCE! Therefore, the '25 or 30 furlongs' is of special prophetic significance.... What the Authorized Version has rendered 'furlongs', is actually 'stadia' – a Latin word referring to a "standard" or "that which has been established." Yet the Roman Stadium is a land measure of 625 Roman feet. Although that could be significant, we do not measure distances on the water in feet. Hence, "that which has been established" (on the water) must be construed as "degrees in longitude or latitude." Here, since they were crossing to the western shore, we consider the expression in the sense of 25 or 30 'established' longitudinal degrees. Of course, the Sea of Galilee is only the small portion of one degree. Yet that many degrees longitude is in its PROPHETIC sense.

According to a large scale map by the *London Times*, 1° longitude on the Sea of Galilee's latitude, measures a minute fraction over 59 English miles. This in turn converts to about $64^1/_4$ Roman miles (Jesus lived under the Roman rule, hence we cannot use a standard foreign to THAT rule). Notice that it was 25 or 30 furlongs indicating that the figure stated was but an approximation. Also, note that the 59 English miles convert into about 64¼ Roman miles. Therefore,

64¼ x 25 = 1606*		'or'	64¼ x 30.65 = 1969*	
31	A.D.		31	A.D.
1637		'or'	2000	A.D.

* Roman miles (years).

Once more, then, is the DIVINITY of Jesus of Nazareth demonstrated, as well as a corroboration of the eventual termination of this age. For, we find the approximate '25' measures into the 17th century when the wave of the Protestant Reformation was getting into its full strength. By then had a ONE Church ecclesiastical System fallen into such commercialism and state of general corruption that the world soul (Galilee's boisterous waters) was in turmoil, and took eagerly to the manifestation of the TRUE coming into view! (God's saving power stripped from cluttering ceremonialism.) THAT

was when they had rowed about 25 stadia and they saw Jesus walking on the water. But they kept on rowing in fright, nor did He act as if He was then coming into their boat, walking almost parallel with their own course.

By the time they had rowed another approximate 5 stadia, He was close enough to them to call out to Him. . . . Peter walked to Him upon the water, and they both came into the boat. THAT measures almost to the close of the present millennium, although we should not construe these figures as precision. Nevertheless, we see that this little detail FULLY CONFIRMS the balance of prophecy that this very time may well see the grand culmination of prophecy in that the Lord of Life and mighty Savior shall draw close enough to "come into the ship" and 'immediately' we shall find ourselves at land!

Briefly, it would be well to look at another item or two of recorded details which have been overlooked by those who snore through the night.

But now dawns a New Day; shout then, for waves buoy the Master! Tempest-tossed in toiling, soon your voyage is complete. Then shall gather those awaiting to behold His power triumphant, flashing in its regal splendor. . . .

Said Philip to his Master:

> ***"Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little."***
>
> ***John 6:7***

When we raise this figure to the 'power' for the world (x 10), we have again the same figure of 2,000 as we arrived at in the previous solution. Here, then, we have the clear statement that 2000 – from the commencement of the Bread of Life being broken for the multitude, "would not suffice" that they all might receive even a little.

In other words, in spite of all our evangelical efforts, the first half of the next century would still not see the world

Christianized – no, not even in a rudimentary way! But be of good courage! For, the Lord of Life takes the FREEdom setting power of the FIVE – functioning through the grace of God – and the mystery of the SEPARATING power of the TWO, through the cleansing and vitalizing of His own Lifeblood to the end that the work shall be consummated triumphantly, with a surplus, or large leftover even from this century!

When the multitude had been well fed, the THINKING element among them realized that the Lord had fully satisfied the hunger of about 10,000 mouths with that which was but enough for half a dozen men, they said among themselves: "Surely, this IS the Promised One; let us now crown Him King of Israel." But Jesus perceiving their thoughts, ***"departed again into a mountain Himself alone" (Jn. 6:15).***

Why didn't He take Peter, James and John with Him as so often He did? And why into 'a mountain'? Because His every act had to be conformed to the Divine Pattern! He had just broken the bread – symbolic of His own body which should be broken (in death) that He might "give life unto the world." Thereupon He immediately departed into a mountain by Himself – alone. A mountain is symbolic of a kingdom. And in His ascending a mountain did He portray His ascension into the Heavenly Kingdom – by Himself alone – BEFORE the multitudes could proclaim Him Israel's King!... But in the 4th watch of the night, when "the wind was contrary" and His disciples had covered about '30 standards' did He manifest as the Savior triumphant – and His loved ones came suddenly into the "Garden of the Prince"!

Multitudes have been fed by the broken body and mystic fish; the 12 baskets full of Jewish leftovers have been gathered together "that nothing be lost." We behold the world darkness deepening with "distress and perplexity of nations" – we know the Master went into the mountain top alone, while now is breaking the inception moments of the "fourth watch" of this last night. KNOW therefore that right SOON shall the master's form again be silhouetted against the sky!

HOW can a Christian – even a nominal one — help but stand in awe and admiration at the majesty of His Wisdom; at the detail of planning and PREarrangement; at the depth of love and the might of Power displayed in these transcendent miracles which combine the teaching of doctrine, the amazing details of far-reaching prophecy and the performance of a mighty work of compassion ALL IN ONE?

Yet at the present moment, the same can be said as Jesus did unto the Pharisees: He (the Father) will show Me ***"greater works than these THAT YE MAY MARVEL"! (Jn. 5:20)***

"PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD, O ISRAEL!"

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Addenda

The thinking student should observe that the basic number involved in this miracle is that of '2'. As revealed in my *NUMBER SYMBOLISM*, this number stands for DIVISION, with a view (in the mind of God) toward ultimate REunity.

Surely, division is the very KEYNOTE of the Gentile world. And never before in history has it been so pronounced and to the fore as in this very generation! And observe also, that since the stampeding swine were about 2000, that DISunity (division) which shall give the opening wedge and encouragement unto the Agents of the Pit. Result? Lethal fire consummating in ARMAGEDDON!

TODAY we might even reflect on the scientific achievement which split (divided) the atom! Since this is the central nucleus linking with POWER on God's plane ('2' in 4th placement), we realize IT IS THE END!

Chapter 4

Christ Feeds 4,000

This miracle – even as the feeding of the 5,000 – took place hard by the Sea of Galilee. The time elapsed between the two miracles could not have been great. But sufficient time had passed for Him to journey to the most northern parts of the Holy Land, returning through the coast of Decapolis. The time was shortly following the 3rd Passover, and the last year of His ministry – in Truth and healing.

Coming in from the north, He ascended a mountain near the Sea and sat down. Throughout 3 days the multitude gathered, and marvelled at the mighty deeds they witnessed. So great and profound was the interest in the Master that many disregarded their empty stomachs, gladly fasting but to be near Him. In His words – perhaps – we can glimpse a portion of that magnetic power which spellbound the masses:

* ***" I have compassion on the multitude because they con-***
* ***tinue with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and***
* ***I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way."***

Matthew 15:32

Well did He know the grossness of their hearts; nevertheless, in their need His outwelling love enfolded them, ministering even unto their hunger, that satisfied and strengthened, they might return home with rejoicing in their hearts.

Immediately let us look to the prophetic portent of this miracle, for the understanding of which we must assemble the salient factors involved, and apply the same formula and method of analysis as in the preceding miracle. And the outcome we shall find to mightily vindicate the Christ, and give us assurance beyond the power of a thousand sermons!

* 3 days had the multitudes gathered, fasting
* 7 loaves of barley bread
* 3 small fish ('a few')
* 7 baskets full of unused fragments.
* The multitude disbanded; takes boat to Dalmanutha

Matthew 15:29-38; Mark 7:32; 8:1-9

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There is much similarity between the factors involved in the two miracles; and that we might well expect, for basically it is the one and same lesson in Truth: the two miracles portraying the two different perspectives of the same Truth and PROPHECY. . . .

We have again the same demonstration of spiritual Truth in that the Bread of Life is BLESSED and broken to sustain the famished multitudes down through the ages. For, He stated explicitly that He was and IS that true Bread which ***"cometh down from Heaven"*** (present continuous tense), that our hunger may be truly appeased.

But why – in both instances – do we find that the bread used were BARLEY loaves?

No doubt barley was a more plentiful grain than wheat at that time, nevertheless, wheat was to be had. Yet a simple matter would it have been for the Eternal God to pre-arrange that the loaves might have been wheat. Of course, we can mumble in our sleep that barley being plentiful, it was only natural that the loaves should have been barley loaves! But we are studying a CENTRAL FIGURE Who was far from 'natural' in His conduct and power; a Spirit so mighty that each minute detail had been foreseen and PRE-arranged in order that the completed episode might speak TRUTH down

ages to come, and correctly DETAIL this portion of His Plan!

This grain is well known for its early maturing, ripening much ahead of wheat. . . . Through this one fact God speaks to us of bread ahead of time, or a preliminary work!

And THAT was the Christ in His first advent, that through the righteousness of faith many may be prepared for the Kingdom ahead of time, for ***"...He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. . ." (Rom. 9:28).***

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The FULLNESS of Truth in the MATURITY of the Kingdom could only be typified by bread made from wheat, recognized as the perfect ingredient for the "staff of life," containing ALL the nutrient and chemical elements required by the human body. THAT fullness of Truth is referred to in ***Revelation 14:6***, speaking of an angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the ***"everlasting gospel"*** to preach unto the entire earth. . . . And, as we saw in the previous feeding of the 5,000, and shall likewise see in this, it prophesies of a concluded work AHEAD OF TIME; that is, PREVIOUS to the commencement of the full-blown Kingdom.

In the present instance, the one outstanding and repeated factor involved is the number TEN. There were 7 loaves and 3 fish, totaling 10 units of food. And when arriving at this mountain He had just come through the coast of "Decapolis," which word means the "*ten*-city region".... And finally, we have the earth number (4 on the plane of God's manifestation to man [100], multiplied by TEN: 4 x 100 x 10 = 4,000).

TEN is the number of the Divine Law given on Mt. Sinai. It is also the number of the Gentiles. Noah – their father – was the 10th from Adam. Again we find that when the 10 tribes of Israel went into dispersion, they were absorbed by Gentile nations, while the 2-tribed Kingdom retained their outward identity.

The 7 loaves speak to us of the SPIRIT-LED Church of Jesus Christ. Perhaps we should say that it typifies that Bread of Life which genders to the fullness of Truth, in bringing

of Life which genders to the fullness of Truth, in bringing forth fruit unto perfection. For, clearly stated the Christ that some seed fell on good ground, bringing forth 100, 60 and 30-fold.

The "3" of the fish speaks to us of the True God, declared to us through the ordained work of the anointed priesthood. Levi, the 3rd son of Jacob was ordained to be the father of the anointed ministers of God: to receive and to declare His lively oracles. Therefore, in the affairs of man, 3 is the number of the priest – whether he be true or false.

As we previously saw, the fish speak of the soul-cleansing properties *(water rinsing)* of His Life-giving blood. Thus, the 3 fish declare the Gospel of Salvation through faith in the Son of God, while the cleansing and Life by means of the Blood.

Another outstanding factor is the number 7, repeated. We find it in the number of the loaves, and also the number of the baskets gathered up of fragments. The miracle begins with 7 loaves and concludes with 7 full baskets. It speaks of the work of the Church being FINISHED and "cut short in righteousness," as previously stated. And the 7 speaks also of *a marriage* (see *NUMBER SYMBOLISM* under 7).

Thus we have the various links which yield the spirit-message. *They are:* 4, 7-3 (10), 7-70. These speak to us of the Divine Law (10) manifest through the church (7) by the preaching of the Word (3) unto the Gentiles (10), netting the finished work with a 7-70; the 7 baskets full of the implied 10 units apiece, or a 70-unit ingathering.

We saw in the previous miracle how the 12 baskets of 7 units apiece spoke to us of the 12 tribes of Israel being gathered together in these days, culminating in the declaration of their new Statehood – to the end that the way shall be prepared for the concluding work through and unto His Church (7). We saw also how it spoke in allegory of the "crossing over" of the ELECT out of the 12 tribes as a "firstfruit" unto God and the Lamb *(Rev. 14:4)*.

In the same way does the second miracle of feeding of the masses speak of the *Gentile* ingathering. More properly speaking, *it is the ingathering of the church of the Gentile nations.* That was declared by the Prophets of old and more explicitly stated by James:

* ***"Simeon has declared how God at the first did visit the***
* ***Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His Name."***

Acts 15:14

When we view the early Church history, it is indeed amazing to find how the recorded epochal events agree perfectly with the detailed prophecy through this miracle at the hand of Jesus of Nazareth. It is prophecy which demonstrates to the human mind the existence of a guiding and Divine Intelligence, manifesting through the lowly Nazarene. And, it is the declared purpose of prophecy to enable the human heart to lay hold on faith. . . .

* ***"And now I have told you BEFORE it come to pass, that***
* ***when it is come to pass, ye might believe."***

John 14:29

In a brief glance at the early Church history, we find that it struggled against almost every imaginable persecution during the first few centuries until it became established as a recognized faith to be reckoned with. Then in the 4th century the World Power – Rome – declared Christianity to be the State Religion! This was established through the enactments of two different emperors – Galerius and Constantine – in 311 and 313 A.D.

Here we behold the beauty of the prophetic word and the majesty of Divine Power – enacting it in a drama of compassion! The number factor of '10' spoke of the Gentile nations – who, for THREE centuries after Christ, hungered for the satiating Word of Life, having nothing to eat!

Then the Lord of Compassion spoke for them – to the end they might be filled (with the True Bread of Life)!

We know that when Rome declared Christianity the State Religion automatically there came into operation the work of the Priesthood (the preaching of the Word – 3); in connection with the work of the Church (7), founded upon the Divine Law (10). . . . Thus was manifest for all the world to see that the course of events fully corroborated the prophecy-drama enacted by the Christ, vindicating His claim to being the Messiah, establishing His unity-identity with God!

$$\frac{4000 \times 3}{7} = 1714.285$$

− 70	(the 7 ten-unit baskets)
1644.285	(as the prophetic measure to go)
48	A.D. (summer of; Cornelius [?])
+ 311	A.D. (Galerius' edict)*
2003.285	Autumn 2003 A.D.

* But 2 years later Constantine renewed the edict. Whereby we behold the possibility of two termination dates, 2 years apart. The two could thus be considered to CENTER on Fall, 2004 A.D.

With reference to the 311 and 313 A.D. above, we should bear in mind that when the Lord said ***"they continue with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat..."***, He was not implying 71 hours, plus 60 minutes. And a lot of those there for the 3 days, had started out from home an unknown number of hours previously; some – perhaps – a day or more previously. Wherefore, similarly in our computations, we should not demand that the "3" be precisely THREE hundred years. The 311 and the 313 years constitute the PRECISE length of time the Roman multitudes had 'had nothing to eat.'

Wherefore, it becomes fully logical to use the times of both events: the 311 or 313 years without anything to eat.

In the present day and age it is popular to be "from Missouri." The outlook is decidedly materialistic. The basic orientation to life is founded in the present and conformed to that which is apparent to the five senses. Therefore, God is forgotten while the modern gods of silver and gold, of wood

and plastic, of nickel and stone and of human flesh are glorified. For the objective mind of the rushing, modern age cannot see, hear, weigh nor analyze the things of God and Spirit. Therefore has Infinite Intelligence arranged that there should be two mighty witnesses unto His Being and over-ruling might; both agreeing, corroborating and explaining one another, to the end that all who require irrefutable evidence of God's sovereignty should find ample foundation upon which to build their faith.

Signs on every hand are manifest that the end of this age is now upon us. Numerous signs of the consummation of all things did Christ declare beforehand, that when it is come to pass we might believe. ***"Wars and rumors of wars"*** have run their course since the dawn of recorded history, ***"but the end is not yet."*** But ***"nation should rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom"*** at the *end* of time. THAT would be ***"the beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:7-8)***. THAT had never seen fulfillment previous to 1912-1918, and the "time of sorrows" emphasized by the Great Depression of the early thirties, and the second global war of 1939-45. "Kingdom divided against kingdom, and household against household" saw its fulfillment with the advent of Fascism, Nazi Nationalism and Communism's subversive philosophy. Mounting and ever-increasing troubles, ***"with perplexity of nations, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear in seeing the things which are coming to pass" (Lk. 21:25-26)***, is seeing its fulfillment in the present day for the first time.

"The chief captains ... hid themselves in the dens (bomb shelters) ***and in the rocks"*** (mountain fortresses) ***(Rev. 6:15)*** saw its fulfillment for the first time during World War II. Men should crawl ***"out of their holes like worms of the earth," (Micah 7:17)***, never saw its amazing fulfillment until World War I and its aftermath, through defensive systems such as the Maginot Line.

And, in the final days there shall be ***"signs in the heavens above and on the earth beneath"*** for ***"the powers of heaven shall***

be shaken." Except in a partial sense THAT had never been witnessed until the opening of the Atomic Age when the very power of heaven was moved. For, that is actually what atomic power is: the central or nuclear power of the very Universe! And simultaneously with this should be ***"vapor of smoke" (Acts 2:19).***

That is one prophecy little understood and never fulfilled previous to the present day when giant bombers and high speed jet fighters produce this phenomena. In the early days of the recent global war we read of the "gremlins" in wake of high altitude bombers. The immense volume of fuel ignited and superheated, expelled through the exhaust, contacting stratas of cold air, vaporized volumes of moisture, producing much the same effect as steam blown into cold air. Literally, it is the 'vapor of smoke', that is, exhaust gases in sufficient volume and intensity to produce this particular phenomena. The seers of old looked down through the ages and beheld it as a sign of this age terminating in the "consummation of all things."

The sun should also be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood (color) before the great and notable day of the Lord. Eclipses are as old as the solar system, but such darkenings of the sun can only last a few hours at the most, including its partial stages. But when the fury of man breaks loose in the approaching conflagration of World War III, when the moment arrives that A and H-bombs are used extensively, then we shall witness the full and literal fulfillment of this prophecy. For, the vast energy released will elevate, pulverize and project into the stratosphere thousands of tons of matter, creating cloudbanks of matter floating aloft for days, maybe weeks. Such will effectively blot out the sunlight over vast areas, literally fulfilling for the first time this prophecy thousands of years old.

As we cast a final glimpse at the closing of the miracle just analyzed, we find that as in the previous similar miracle, they also took ship to traverse the Sea of Galilee. . . . Again

we see how He had come in from the north (the human body and things of this world) and crossed over to Magdala, which is located about half way south on the western shore.... Once more that tells the same story of going from the things of earth and the human body (north), into the Power of Spirit and Worship (west)! The meaning of Magdala is that of "a tower," or "a high place." Thus again we see the beauty and harmony of every little detail, foreseen and pre-arranged by Infinite Wisdom. For, as this crossing over to Magdala to the southwest portrays the translation of the Gentile Bride Church, so does the Tower, or 'high place' fulfill the Scripture which speaks of the members of the Harvest Church which are alive and remain who shall be ***"caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall ever be with Him" (I Thess. 4:17).***

In the previous feeding of the multitude, the setting was also in Galilee, bespeaking conditions for the whole world. But the baskets full of fragments gathered up were 12, hence the message ABOUT Jewry who have been scattered among the nations of the world. And at that time they were instructed to sit down by 50s and 100s, duplicating the Tabernacle pattern – again pointing to the fact that His chosen people are THAT Tabernacle He has pitched throughout the wilderness of world nations! Much though they may be hated and persecuted, though they reject the Messiah that came unto them, nevertheless they are The Chosen (of earthly seed), through whom He is accomplishing a very special work, and through whom He SHALL accomplish even a work more profound.

But in the feeding of the 4,000, Israel's number is not to be found, while the '10' of the Gentiles stresses the message by the Sea of Galilee UNTO ALL THE WORLD.

The number 4,000 divided by God's manifestation number (100) reduces to 40, bespeaking the miracle as portraying the period of our wilderness testing. While the 4 of the same number shows the FRUITS which are to be brought forth, even as Israel of old entered into their Kingdom following their wilderness sojourn.

Yet once more we can look at these miracles, for the two are ONE; they speak but of different facets of one portion of God's Truth, and The Plan. Were these narratives but the manufactured story of ambitious writers, then we should fail utterly to find therein His majestic footprints in Truth. And likewise, had Jesus been but a shrewd man performing great deeds in the power of a greater knowledge, then His history would be the same as that of any other man – utterly void and without trace of any of the mass of Pattern-Truth and mighty drama-prophecy which has been and is being fulfilled....

But because He was Whom He claimed to be, THE Only Begotten Son of God in fullness of Unity with The Father, do His words and deeds graph a marvelous vista of Truth and Prophecy – the likes of which has never before been seen nor even dreamt about! Therefore, can we with boldness look, and LOOK again, lest we belittle and "limit the Holy One of Israel." Let us then survey these two miracles as ONE:

> The two vast multitudes numbered about 9,000 men fed; there were 12 and 7 baskets gathered up; there were 5 and 7 loaves used, totalling 12 bread, and a total of 5 small fish.

The 12 bread is the fullness of the Israel number, and of the same connotation as His own expression: "The Son of Man," or the full stature of humanity's ideal Son. It is the number which is to complete the present cycle of sin, sorrow and suffering, seeing the termination of the serpent's trail. THAT was and is the objective of the Bread of Life. Then there are 5 fish, speaking of the FREEdom-setting power of His mystic Life-blood which cleanses, preserves and VIVIFIES. For, observe that the bread SUSTAINS life but does not engender it, while the blood both carries life and engenders, or begets, life!

Let us then look at this through the eyes of the disciples and His close followers. Had he not told them to gather all that "nothing be lost"? Naturally, the 12 and 7 hampers of

good food that were gathered, constituted unto them 19 parcels of sustenance for the days ahead. Consider these, then, in their True light: 19 hampers of food vitalized by the power of God. This raises the number by His own manifestation number, netting 1900 baskets in the Power of Spirit.

The combined prophetic factors then become:

19 baskets full (x 100) = 1900 years.

9,000 men fed -:- 365.24 = 24.65.

Summer of 33 A.D. as the time of the multitude's first feeding miraculously (Pyramid chronology).

Assembled:

70 A.D. 'times of the Gentiles' commences
+ 1900 years of 'bread and fish'
+ 24.65 years as miraculously sustained
1994.65 or 1995 (by Pyramid chronology).

Apparently, there are about 25 years, maybe more, as marking the concluding segment of this era, which are to be construed as a time miraculously prolonged (or SUSTAINED). THIS we see in His Spirit of WITHHOLDING INFLUENCE as exerted by the Christian Democracies on the Dictatorship Powers; the latter being the embodiment of the "three unclean spirits" which have come forth to deceive the world and to gather the nations to Armageddon (see ***Rev. 16:13-16***).

Is there anyone who can see a fault or failing in the majestic work of the Master? Or who can help but stand in awe and adoration at the viewing of His wisdom-splendor and might triumphant?

And have YOU – like unto Him – "compassion on the multitude," many of whom are without spiritual bread in this world wilderness of darkness and rebellion? What are you doing towards setting before them BREAD broken by the Savior? Have you carried them a portion of the mystic fish?

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Addenda

As an afterthought, it might be well to recall how we were given details – including distances (which we must construe as TIME), as a possible (if not likely) ADDITIVE to the primary prophetic measure in the feeding of the 5,000. Although we find no detail in the follow-up to the miraculously fed 4,000, it is stated that they immediately took ship, crossing over the same sea to the region of Dalmanutha, or Magdala (the latter being a village in the region, or district of the former). Magdala means a Tower.

The watchTOWER links with the Christ from Heaven. Since it required TIME to travel that distance by boat, it may similarly point to an additive measure for the Gentile church to prepare itself to "cross over" and 'land' in the home of the "watchTower."

Jewry's return to Palestine, is the greatest and most phenomenal 'sign' unto the Gentile church; even unto the entire world (or those who know Scripture).

Since in this instance we do not have the details of time or distance, we must consider it as an indefinite additive measure. But having it in the first instance, it stands to reason we must consider it harmonious to, or terminating in agreement with the first and major one. In which instance it would call for an additive of about twenty.

Chapter 5

The Wedding Supper Called

For a while we have marvelled at the power of our Lord as manifested in His works of mercy while daily occupied in ministering unto the sick in body and needy in soul For, that which has been viewed from the surface has now been demonstrated to be but one portion of the ineffable light in expression. Majestic and glorious as was THAT portion; though essential and good to its recipients, yet it was but the SURFACE: it was but the outer husk of CENTRAL TRUTH in operation! Carefully did He warn us:

"It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing."

John 6:63

Again did the Holy Spirit hurl the same Truth at us through the mighty Apostle Paul, saying: ***". . .for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (II Cor. 3:6).*** Too long have we been fed on the LETTER, being taught to revel in the OUTER garments; neglecting the Spirit, and seldom getting more than the faintest glimpse of the rapturous beauty of the vivifying LIFE WITHIN.... Therefore are these thoughts written that souls in malnutrition may behold in the Light-translucent His table heaped high with the choicest fruits of Spirit.

Though the OUTER VESTMENT is good and FIRST beheld, the [soul-] body and LIFE within are even more impor-

tant! Therefore are the Spirit-Truths now made manifest, and PROPHECIES enacted laid bare. Far too long have we limited the capacities of our Lord. . . . Did He not say that the people as a whole were not ready to receive the fullness of Spirit-Truth – that therefore He taught them in parables? (See ***Matt. 13:10-15.***) Hear then this greater Truth.

SINCE THE PEOPLE COULD NOT RECEIVE THE FULLNESS OF SPIRIT-TRUTH *DIRECTLY*, HE *PORTRAYED* FOR THEM – and us – THE MIGHTY KINGDOM-TRUTHS AND THE DETAILS OF THE CREATOR'S PLAN FOR MAN, PIECEMEAL; ENACTED IN HUMAN DRAMAS OF MINISTERING UNTO THE SICK AND AILING IN HIS DAY. . . . .

We might compare His parables unto a radio address, while the mighty miracles were stepped up into a television broadcast! For, since they were too dense to receive THE TRUTH directly (even His disciples could receive but small portions at a time [see ***John 16:12***]), HE PORTRAYED IT FOR POSTERITY IN MIGHTY DRAMAS, IMPRINTING HIS DIVINE INSIGNIA; PROJECTING THE MIGHTY TRUTHS INTO STIRRING MIRACLES WHICH HAVE LIVED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES OF TIME, AND SHALL YET SPEAK TO GENERATIONS UNBORN!

While then, the thread of thought is running strong to BREAD AND FISH (types of the True Bread of Life and the Mystery of regeneration) let us turn to its sequel-miracle in the miraculous catch of 153 great fish.

Reading carefully this post-resurrection miracle of Christ in ***John 21:1-13***, we find the salient factors involved, as being:

7 disciples fishing all night
Dawn: nets still empty
Salutation by Christ on shore
Net changed to RIGHT side, and filled!
John recognizes his Lord; Peter swims ashore

Net dragged 200 cubits; 153 great fish therein
"COME AND DINE".

In our study of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we find events crowding one upon the other in rapid succession. The days commenced with His early rising, sometimes seeking out some solitary place where to pray in preparation – as it were – for the strain of the day ahead. Preaching the Gospel, and miraculously healing the sick in body and mind was the ROUTINE of His every-day life. But aside from these constant miracles were the occasional MIGHTY WORKS which made the multitudes marvel at the spiritual colossus in their midst. Each day – without exception – saw Him active to the extent of crowding every moment. Though Deity manifest, He was at the service of all who needed comfort or healing. But *during the forty days* following His resurrection, though He was seen on ten (recorded) different occasions, the miraculous draught of 153 great fish is the *only* miracle recorded taking place at His spoken word. . .WHY?

During the course of His ministry in natural life, the needs of the masses were His constant concern; He dealt with the consequences of SIN (primitive and persistent disobedience to the Will of God). Their material and spiritual needs went hand in hand, both commanding His equal interest and attention. The reason for this is self-evident: it was the only thing that could be done! For,

* THE GATE TO LIFE HAD AS YET NOT BEEN OPENED! BUT
* FOLLOWING THE CROSS ON CALVARY AND RESURRECTION
* MORNING, A NEW CHANNEL HAD BEEN OPENED THROUGH
* REDEMPTIVE SACRIFICE AND CLEANSING BLOOD: THE OLD
* HAD BEEN DONE AWAY WITH FOREVER AS A NEW COVENANT
* CAME INTO BEING THROUGH THE PRE-ORDAINED PASSOVER
* LAMB OF GOD.

– Therefore we find but the record of one solitary miracle performed, *PROPHETICALLY DEALING WITH THE NEW COVENANT!*

His recorded words during the ten appearances are not a great many. And nearly all of them link directly with that NEW COVENANT of Life, and the work pertaining thereto down though the ages of time.

* THE DREAD OF DEATH HE HAD VANQUISHED; THE TERROR
* OF THE TOMB FLED AS THE MORNING MIST, WHILE THE
* HIGHWAY TO LIFE ECHOED WITH THE REJOICING OF
* COUNTLESS WEARY PILGRIMS AT LAST IN SIGHT OF HOME!

Therefore, He dealt no longer with the *objective consequence* of error and sin, for AN EVER-PRESENT REMEDY HAD BEEN MADE EASILY AVAILABLE TO ALL. His only post-resurrection interest – it would appear – was to counsel and strengthen the disciples in connection with the work of the NEW COVENANT, and to perform ONE prophetic miracle dramatizing its TRUTHS.

As we might reasonably expect, since His coming was not only to the Jews but to the world at large, it took place on the shore of the sea of Galilee. As we have seen before, that refers to the *whole world.* More specifically, it could be said that it deals with the entirety of HUMAN *SOULS,* for, water depicts the soul.

It is freely conceded that – in a measure – the major aspects and significance of this miracle, are usually understood more or less correctly. Yet at times, those who should know better fail utterly to bring out the mighty spiritual portent of this prophetic episode, even as did an internationally know evangelist speaking on this miracle of our risen Lord, who contented himself by dubbing Jesus "the camp cook", saying: "it was just like Jesus." However TRUE this may be, it does no more justice to the immensity of the mighty factors involved than would a candlelight for the illumination of New York City on Christmas night! Is it any wonder that the multitudes turn their backs to the churches when the internationally known and supposedly great can only see a 'CAMP COOK' in this scintillating epic of SPIRIT-TRUTH dramatized to portray THE *NEW* COVENANT?

Come then to the FOUNTAIN with your vessel gleaming clean. Look deep! For uprising comes the Spirit-flow from depths not sounded 'ere our age. Freely drink at length that within you too may spring afresh the bounteous River of Life.

So let us scan briefly the salient factors involved. We find the leader of the disciples deciding that he would go fishing. Peter grew up as a fisherman; as a fisherman he was found when he received the call: ***"Follow Me."*** Presumably, his thoughts were so intent on the risen Lord that subconsciously he reverted to that which first brought about his contact with the Messiah. Yet from the spirit-perspective the act was portentous and in perfect harmony with the will of the Master.

To 'go a-fishing' (for the souls of men) was the clearly stated objective of the Lord in calling His disciples. To facilitate that work, He had opened a NEW WAY through His shed blood that the FISHING might GO FORWARD IN POWER. Thus Peter's decision to go fishing was symbolic of the NEW WORK which lay ahead; *the work of the Church down through the ages!*

We should also observe that there were seven disciples involved fruitlessly fishing all night. Their net was on the LEFT side of the boat. As students in Truth are aware, the left is symbolic of the earth and factors of the carnal man, while the RIGHT answers to Spirit and things Divine.

Here then, we find the representative number of the Church (7) engaged in fishing by means of the strength of the things of this world (left side). They toiled and caught nothing! Likewise do we find many magnificent edifices, with ministers well learned, relying on their oratory and logical discourse, tiling throughout the night of spiritual darkness of their lives, CATCHING NOTHING! For, to catch a great fish in the Sea of Galilee (to find a human soul in darkness and bondage to the things of this world, and bring him into the presence of the Master through the regeneration of his soul – the Spirit-work of Christ through His Church [7]), it becomes absolutely essential to "cast the net on the RIGHT

side of the ship...." Then, and then only is the true work of the Church accomplished.

This casting over to the right side of the ship is synonymous with His previous command: ***"tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with POWER from on High" (Lk. 24:49)***. THAT enduement with power was received on the day of Pentecost. Pentecostal enduement with power is still available to every aspiring minister who is willing to tarry in Jerusalem (ABIDING in a state of spiritual expectancy and PEACE), but unfortunately, many conclude that fishing on the left side of the boat is all that is required. Therefore, many pews are empty and the world had forgotten God: now feverishly preparing to destroy itself in the mad race for "the survival of the fittest."

Coming back to the prophetic miracle for the Church of Pentecost, we find that they dragged the net over a distance for "about 200 cubits."

And THAT is precisely the story of the early church, that they struggled against the waters of persecution for ABOUT and even 200 years before they became established and recognized as A GOING FAITH! The HEAT of persecution then abated, and the church in its worldly organism found solid root and spread rapidly.

The second aspect of the prophecy is found in the 6 disciples taking the fish ashore (Peter was swimming ahead). For, the 200 cubits x 6, measures 1,200 years in its second phase. That was almost the PRECISION measure from Pentecost unto the first spiritual revival – the only spiritual revival – under the world influence of the Roman Catholic church. This came about through the instrumentality of the ardent Franciscans who, at that time, fanned the first spiritual breeze since the passing of the early Church fathers.

Peter pulled the net ashore filled with 153 great fish. That yields the next progressive equation:

$$200 \times 7 = 1{,}400 + 153 = 1{,}553.$$

THAT marks precisely the spiritual wave which swept Europe during the 14th and 15th centuries, preparing the way for Martin Luther and the Reformation in the 16th century.

The ardent spiritual fire which burned in St. Francis of Assisi was highlighted from about 1209 to 1226 A.D. This was the measure of the 6 x 200 as before.

Add to that the 153 Spirit-wave and we find it climaxed in the GREAT SCHISM within the Catholic Church. Then also arose Wycliff in England. For, we must understand that the Great Schism in 1378 was the product of the spirit of REVIVAL.

The FULL measure of that REVIVAL is shown in the equation of 7 as above, which, from the time of the cross, measured from about 1435 to 1588 A.D. Comparatively, we find the spiritual UNrest growing and brought to a head by Martin Luther in October, 1517. In 1526, a decree at the Diet of Spires gave Lutherans a legal standing. In Germany the spiritual strife was settled in stages; its succeeding mileposts being 1532 and 1555, while in France the Protestant civil wars raged from 1562 to 1593.

Thus was spiritual emancipation achieved by Christendom in precise conformity to the measures of prophetic time shown by the factors of the miracle-drama under study! . . . And maybe here it would be well to add that the denomination to which we belong is not too important, nor whether it be Catholic or Protestant; but FREEDOM to worship God "in SPIRIT and in TRUTH" with *UNDERSTANDING*, is THE important factor.

The 'fish' was THEN on land! It became possible for the Master to say: "Bring of the fish which ye have NOW caught"! And as soon as they were come to land they saw a fire of coals with fish thereon, and bread. THE FISH AND THE BREAD HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE LORD!

Likewise did the church find at the close of the first two centuries, and again in the 16th century that THE LORD

HAD PROVIDED miraculous refreshment for the fishers of men! THEN they placed on *solid foundation* the fruits of their labors for human souls. . . .

As fish was a common item of food, and especially significant in the MYSTERY OF REGENERATION, so does the amount of fish they caught betoken that period of time during which the church should labor, and be sustained in the regenerative power of Christ's Spirit.

While the fish was in the water it was inedible, or unavailable for food. Nevertheless, it becomes our first numerator, being 153. The denominator for the equation is provided by the 12 disciples. Although there were but 7 present, yet the work of the CHURCH was to be by the 12 rather than the 7. This figure (12) is made doubly sure for us by considering the KEY-figure provided by the fish used in His two previous miracles. They were 2 + 3 = 5. This number divided into 153 yields rather accurately the average length of the solar month (30.6). Since there are 12 months in the year, we get that emphasis on this figure. It becomes the denominator for our mathematical equation.

In this narrative we find 'fishes' used or the plural and 'fish' in the singular sense. Therefore, since the Lord said: ***"Bring of the FISH. . ."***, we know that they used ONE. That, together with another fish already on the fire of coals, we know would be ample for their breakfast. That leaves 152 fish available for the disciples (the Church) following their meeting with the Master. It is the remaining and available sustenance to carry them through. It becomes our second numerator. Up to this moment our equation appears:

$$\frac{153 \times 152}{12} = 1938$$

THAT is the distance in time that the Author of Pentecost has preordained His Church to dispense the bread of Life, and grant human REgeneration through the mystery of the Spirit Baptism, until again He speaks the words of the long

awaited call: ***"COME AND DINE!"***

There are, however, two important factors in this connection that should not be overlooked. First it is clearly stated that the distance from land was ***"as it were 200 cubits."*** That is, an approximate measure. It would therefore be folly to postulate a precise termination date for the prophetic measure. (Prognostic prophecy is important, yet the attendant SPIRIT-TRUTHS far more for our good.) Nevertheless we can be certain it is very close, especially so as that distance is not used in this final equation. But distance and time are largely synonymous. Hence the reference to an approximate distance implies that the time-measure involved is not to be construed in decimals.

The second consideration is, that although the church of Pentecost had its inception at the Cross of Calvary, and commenced in power on the day of Pentecost, yet the commencement of its FULL ADMINISTRATION did not take place until the day that Peter opened the Church unto the Gentile world (Sea of Galilee) in the house of Cornelius more than a decade later.

We have already seen how the setting of this miracle spoke of something for the whole world. Therefore, the exclusive administration unto Jewry was but partial; the fullness of its administration held in abeyance until its advent in the Cornelius home.

Chronologers are not in agreement as to the exact year of this event. The disparity in their figures is further accentuated by the lack of agreement as the year of Calvary's Cross. But usually, the event in the House of Cornelius is placed ten years or more following Calvary. That would place *the opening unto the Gentiles* in 40 A.D. at the very earliest, and possibly as late as near 50 A.D.

It is the writer's conviction that these highly epochal dates can now only be established through the Spirit-based mathematics peculiar to the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, and as set

forth in his treatise dealing with God's Second Witness in stone.

Readers familiar with Pyramid Symbolism know that the Queen's floor-level marked, in the ascending passage, the precise moment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. In Pyramid chronology, that computes to the year 1 A.D., and His Cross $33^{1}/_{2}$ years later at the precise opening up of the Grand Gallery. But on account of a step (down) in the passageway leading to the Queen's chamber, the floor-level of the Queen's passage is actually 20.6" of the completed work of the Ecclesia which was realized in the outpouring of the Spirit in the house of Cornelius.

Due to extensive effacement of the Step in the Queen's passage by early investigators, its precise height has never been satisfactorily established until recently. A modern investigator in the person of Adam Rutherford established – rather conclusively – that the said step was based on the Egyptian cubit of 20.6". That perpendicular measured in the ascending passage, yields 46.504P" which, added to the Fall of 1 A.D., nets March 7, 48 A.D., marking the date for the Gentile Church.

That the Gentiles were definitely included in the Spirit-work of Christ's redemptive sacrifice is a patent fact to every Christian believer. Mathematically, it is also indicated in the miracle we are considering by the number of fish involved. For, on coming to shore they found "fish" (one) on the coals. They brought in 153. That nets the digits:

1 + 1 + 5 + 3 = 10: number of the Gentiles.

Therefore, on the chronology basis of the Pyramid, we get

48 A.D.
+ 1938 2/6 (prophetic measure)
1986 A.D. May
± 10 (number of the Gentiles)
1996 A.D.

Whether or not the reader believes in the Great Pyramid as God's Second Witness, with its inclusive chronology, it cannot be gainsaid but that the measure of the prophetic miracle considered *CONCURS* with the measure of numerous other prophecies *in its basic conclusion that this era is concluded: THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS UPON US!*

Considering further the spirit-symbology of this post-resurrection miracle, we find Peter casting himself into the water, swimming ashore ahead of the others who brought the fish. As Peter was the leader of the 12 – chosen by the Christ to be their chief – so does his act here portray a select group among professing Christians who will arrive on shore ahead of the others. This is a part of the mystery obscured by Rebekah's veil, and will be dealt with later.

From a second and worldly perspective, it pertains – prophetically – to the organized church of today. Undoubtedly, Peter symbolizes the Roman Catholic church. IF so, his casting himself into the water prefigures a time of great testing for the Roman Catholic church, sometime previous to the expiry of our church age. Undoubtedly, that church will have its stronghold invaded by its sworn enemies, and its material foundations entirely overthrown. But if we are justified to extend the symbology to the earthly organization, and to its final conclusion, then we must of necessity conclude that the dire extremity (Peter naked) which eventually overtakes the Roman Catholic church, will also lead to its regeneration and cleansing in the turbulent waters of the world-soul, with the result that in the final days it will RE-emerge as a SPIRIT-POWER, mightily assisting in the safe landing of the other six organized churches!

"Bring of the fish which ye have now caught."

"COME AND DINE!"

Those are words fraught with the deepest of meaning: their prophetic and spirit-significance can't help but set aquiver every believer in the promises of Christ.

The measure of allotted days for the Church of Christ is running low; their remaining number cannot be many. Whether or not they are to be taken literally, or, as some say, "explained and interpreted" we shall soon know. But even in the latter case their potential is so great that it cannot help but mark an epochal time of the greatest importance for the Church as well as the world at large.

Although the recorded miracles by our Lord were many, yet there are but seven which could be construed as PARAMOUNT, and recorded in detail, with the Spirit-Truths and prophecy they dramatized, fairly shouting at us. (One of these was His walking on the crest of the storm-swept waters of Galilee. Herein it has not been treated separately, but worked in as linking with the feeding of the 5,000. Also the one of restoring sight to the man born blind has been elucidated in *THE BLIND BEGGAR* instead of herein. . . .) Is it without significance that during His earthly ministry He performed exactly SEVEN outstanding miracles of prophetic significance unto the people? SEVEN is both the number of His Church as well as that of the Creative Cycle. And by the conclusion of this study it will have been observed that SIX of them deal with the course of events during this dispensation, while His FIRST miracle speaks to us of a work He shall accomplish at the opening of the 7th 1,000-year day. ***("The first shall be last.")*** Therein completes the Septenary cycle; His Spirit having brought fruit to perfection through the organism of His Church.

There was also the one post-resurrection miracle here treated. ONE is LIFE: the NEW LIFE He manifested after He rose from the dead. The 7 + 1 = 8, which is the number of REGENERATION. And THAT is precisely the explanation for the existence of the Church of Jesus Christ: regeneration of the human heart. Were it not for the work of regeneration which His Spirit accomplishes in the heart of carnal propensities, His Church would long since have ceased to be an effective institution. But as yet we have witnessed this only in its primary stages, while during the coming Sabbath-day of

1,000 years it shall flourish and be perfected. Then, as the septenary cycle completes and the 8th day opens, man shall be shorn clean from all carnal propensities, coming into the expressive life of "the SONS of God," and in that day entering "the UNITY of the faith," measuring up to "the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ."

In concluding we might observe that the fish on the coals of fire was but ONE (Life). Just as easily could the Lord have had 2, but that would have been DIVISION. Therein we see that the REGENERATE SPIRIT-LIFE (fish) is THAT which He holds forth, and unto which we are invited to COME and partake. IT IS PROVIDED SOLELY THROUGH HIS POWER! Also observe that it was on a fire of live coals, for, ***"Every one*** (sacrifice) ***shall be salted with fire. . ." (Mk. 9:49).*** ***"Bring of the fish which ye have now caught."*** Again they took but ONE, which is LIFE, for only those who have found LIFE through Jesus Christ can come into His Presence to partake of that SPIRIT-LIFE which He has prepared for those whose soul has entered into LIFE through the regenerative power of His Spirit.

THIS IS BEAUTIFULLY SYMBOLIZED BY THE LIVING FISH OUT OF WATER!

Chapter 6

"Lazarus, Come Forth!"

Long enough (yes, too long) have our people stood off from the presence of THE Living God, "hearing only His VOICE" but beholding not His similitude. Too long have mortals heard but the Spirit ("His similitude"); much too long have we been fed on the husks of the material narrative; too gross to search and receive the fat of the Spirit-marrow deeply imbedded by His Spirit. Surely, this much we should realize that IF the *CENTRAL CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE* (which we term God) has ever revealed Himself to man through chosen messengers of old, and finally through the Divine INCARNATION, *THAT* BEING is far too great to be confined to a small package of words! Does not man tell a story in so many words? Does not an artist portray on canvas *more* than mere form? Does not a musician produce *more* than mere sound? IF the finite talent manifested by man can convey drama through sound or form

– HOW MUCH MORE should not INFINITE Intelligence convey to man that which far transcends the mere sound of the words, or the OUTER contour of the action displayed?

Beloved of God, THINK THAT OVER, and ponder it long enough to intensively realize with your whole being that our great God could not be limited to tables of stone, nor sheets of parchment, neither was it possible (!) for The Almighty to

confine and limit His expression (or manifestation of Himself) to the mere contour of physical conduct in and through His manifestation in the person of Jesus Christ! ***("The Father dwelling in Me, He doeth the works.")***

THEREFORE must we learn to look to THE SPIRIT when surveying His words, that the earthly drama in itself may be so minimized that the SPIRIT TRUTH He wrought might LIVE before our vision and become a part of our lives.

– To *that* end are these Lessons in Truth written. . . .

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is that one outstanding miracle of our Lord which was performed in Judea, in contrast to the others which took place in Galilee. It is therefore of special significance to world Jewry. Still it involves other factors which become of world significance. But the miracle in itself deals primarily with Jewry.

In a careful study of the account we find the following factors involved:

1. Lazarus and his sisters lived at Bethany.
2. Martha was the elder sister, Mary the younger.
3. Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters.
4. After learning of Lazarus' illness, Jesus waited 2 days before going to Bethany.
5. Lazarus dead 4 days on Jesus' arrival.
6. Martha hears, and goes to meet Jesus.
7. Mary sits still in the house.
8. Martha calls Mary SECRETLY, who then goes to meet the Lord.
9. "Lazarus COME FORTH!"
10. "Loose him and let him go."

Bethany was about 15 furlongs outside and to the east of Jerusalem.

In this – as in other portions of the inspired Word – we

must learn the meaning of names in order to grasp the deeper message involved.

Lazarus means "whom God helps." Bethany is "the house of dates." Mary or Miriam is "bitterness," or "sorrow." The name Martha is of less certain meaning, but does link with the same root of 'sorrow' as does Mary. However, it seems to be of a different type, involving the element of sobriety, or a deep and serious nature. With that connotation it is sometimes translated "lady". . . . Jerusalem is the city or 'abode of peace'.

The very meaning of 'Lazarus' links with the basic setting of the miracle which took place near Jerusalem in Judea. It is the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob unto whom God has sworn by Himself to HELP AND UPHOLD!

"Fear not, Abram: I AM thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

Genesis 15:1

"By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Genesis 22:16-18

Although the seed of Abraham may at this day be as numerous as the stars of heaven, although many and great nations may have arisen with Abraham as their father, yet the keener and unbiased student realizes that in THAT particular people known as world 'Jewry', has been retained the separate and exclusive (though not ENTIRE) seed of Jacob-Israel down to this day. IN them is a representative number of the 12 tribes. For *they* are THE people who have been perse-

cuted and hated in almost – if not every – land on the face of the earth. It is THEY who are but 'a remnant' today; who have been, and are being, gathered out from among the nations again to be settled in the land of Palestine: the land of their PROMISE. It is *THEY* – the beaten and persecuted REMNANT in many lands – world 'Jewry', which Lazarus typified, and "whom God helps."

At the time of Lazarus' illness Jesus was NOT in Judea, but in Perea – the other side of Jordan. He received the message from the two sisters – whom He also loved – but still He waited *2 days* before arising to start for Bethany.

"He whom God helps" was Abraham, and his seed ever since. But when studying the Record, we find that with the exception of short periods of time, the seed of Abraham experienced one lamentable vicissitude after the other. And spiritually they kept declining constantly from the high standard of Abraham and Isaac. Yet God had sworn by Himself to be their Mighty Helper! Did He deceive them? Assuredly not! But they MISunderstood Him because of their carnal estate.

Lazarus was sick. At first Jesus said: 'He sleeps'. Then followed two days before He commenced His journey back to Judea, about 55 miles, and Bethany.

The *2 days* that Jesus stayed ***"still in the same place where He was,"*** speak to us of 2 – 1,000 year periods during which the spirit of Christ remained in the Heavenlies (other side of Jordan) before He arose to go unto sick Lazarus (Jewry) whom He loved. The chronology shows us that Abram was born 1946 years after Adam entered mortality. His "call" was at the age of 75. Abram was about 86 at the birth of Ishmael, who shortly became the source of Abram's grief! Adding an even 2,000 years to the above dates, nets 3946, 4021 and 4032 from the commencement of computed chronology which had its inception in Adam's 'fall' rather than in the creation of the earth (as some affirm).

The '2 days' are not necessarily an even 2,000 years. Several solar years would make no difference when '1 day' represents 1,000 years (ratio of about 42 years per hour). Therefore, any of the previous years given are close enough to the time of Christ's first advent to fulfill the prophetic significance of THE *2 days* He waited. But it is interesting to observe that the full and precise measure of 2,000 years is almost the exact lapse of time between the birth of Ishmael and the commencement of Jesus' ministry in Judea!

Why? Great in faith as Abraham was yet he erred in listening to Sarah – his wife – who wanted a child (even if it had to be by means of her maid). . . . IN Ishmael commenced Abraham's grief which answered to Lazarus' illness! TWO days did Jesus wait: 2,000 years of Abraham's grief extended until the LORD 'arose' to *go unto him.*

Here, by the prophetic symbology, Jesus' coming unto Jewry 19 centuries ago was but as His 'arising to GO UNTO him!' For, since they did not *receive Him,* it became but His going UNTO them.

TWO DAYS later He reached Bethany where Lazarus had lived. On His arrival Lazarus had been dead 4 days. In like manner does this speak of 4,000 years from Abram unto the call:

"LAZARUS COME FORTH!"

And he who had been 'DEAD' 4 days came forth bound in grave-clothes with a napkin about his head.

The measure of those '4 days' from Abram reaches to 5946-7, or what would ordinarily be considered as 1946-47 A.D. But on the Pyramid basis of the Christian era having been PREdated 1 year, this miracle's prophetic measure would net 1947-8 A.D.

By the march of events we know that our calendar is not far off, neither is the Bible chronology (though some would have us believe it is). For, in support of the Inspired Record, and in complete vindication of God's prophetic Word – even

though obscured by Rebekah's veil for thousands of years – it was in THE VERY YEARS CITED that the Living God *cried with a loud voice: "Lazarus COME FORTH!"* And Lazarus (world Jewry) did come forth bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, and "a napkin about the face" – on May 14, 1948!

(Here pause long enough that the POWER of God, and the WONDERS of His prophetic word may make its indelible impression upon you.)

How marvelous is the Inspired Record! What precision timing to the Word of God!

"He that had been dead" came out of the *tomb of the nations* with the garments of death about him. Dead spiritually and dead nationally! But at the cry of The Lord of Life, the decaying cells came again to vibrant life through the national Re-emergence of world Lazarus, even though the blood of death oozed from the hands and feet and body of countless sons of Jacob.

"A napkin was about the face." National Lazarus, though brought to life, was spiritually blind: "A napkin was about his face" – that he could not see! (They know not yet THE Lord Who bought them at a price untold – in blood and pain – until death THE Temple rent, that LIFE might rise triumphant to a higher plane, transforming earthly substance to Shekinah-Glory's pitch, where sin shall never mar its splendor-beauty nor the Enemy stalk his prey.) Neither could the real Lazarus be seen by others, being enveloped in a shroud; his future was fraught with danger and uncertainty. Many said in those days: "he cannot last – it will be but 'a name' – a brief *show* that will soon be over."

But again the Master spoke: "LOOSE HIM, and let him go!"

Almost instantly the Chief Nation of the new world wired its recognition to the risen 'Lazarus', and other nations did likewise. Though many military leaders saw little hope for the young state of Israel, yet "he whom God HELPS": van-

quished his enemies right and left in rapid succession until they bowed before him, placing their names on the dotted line!

Soon he was recognized by the United Nations, and today holds his seat there. For, he whom God orders *'LOOSED'* is *FREE* indeed! Make no mistake about it: world Jewry is in Palestine to stay, and soon to enter into the glorious heritage predicted for them by the inspired seers of old. Though would-be prophets predict their impending doom, yet he who emerged from THE TOMB OF THE NATIONS at the call of the Ever-Living, was by the same Word in POWER commanded to be FREED that he might return to his home in peace. Who on earth, or in the regions of Hell shall ever countermand the decree by the Creator of Heaven and Earth?

He arose with the 'grave-clothes' of the nations about him: his strength and freedom of motion was limited, for as yet but a handful of Jacob's sons were back in Palestine, neither had they the strength and mobility common to any nation who has had generations to develop its resources and establish its multiple lines of communication.

The spiritual Re-awakening of national Lazarus will come a little later as indicated in the following chapter of John's Gospel, where we see that "six days before the passover" they made Him a supper, and ***"Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him" (Jn. 12:2).*** Unmistakably this alludes to Jewry's spiritual rebirth shortly following their emergence from the tomb of the nations. For, unless they accept Him they can have no portion with Him at the table especially prepared in His honor.

Clearly, then, do we see the truth and beauty of the chief factors of the prophetic miracle – having lifted Rebekah's veil – yet much more remains as indicated by factors less obvious. These link with BETHANY and "the sisters of Lazarus."

In the very first verse we are told that Bethany was ***"the town of Mary and her sister Martha."*** Whatever the factual

situation may have been which accounts for the statement, we may rest assured that it is true and important. And, as Bethany refers to 'a house of dates', so we know that it is the location of a great SWEET. The date is nature's sweetest fruit, and has but one large, central pit, or seed, to which the tender fruit clings. Among fruits it is the one and only which beautifully portrays the CHURCH OF CHRIST! It is the Church, or BRIDE OF CHRIST which is His true 'sweetmeat', clinging firmly to the one and only white stone (or seed), which typifies Christ in the heart of the believer. The "house of dates" is, therefore, the ORGANIZED Christian Church.

Martha – the elder – lives there with Lazarus and her younger sister. Many other people lived in Bethany, but they are not mentioned. The Master's love was for the two sisters of Lazarus. They typify two groups of the Spirit-filled Church of Christ, groups within the earthly organism of the Church, but not synonymous with its entire membership. These two groups are the elder and the younger. Martha – the elder – is of a deep and serious nature, attending to her duties with meticulous care. She is grieved with her younger sister who neglects the cares of the household (the Church of God; see ***Lk. 10:40***). It is Martha – THE LADY – who, when she hears of her Lord's arriving, arises IMMEDIATELY to meet Him, but ***"Mary SAT STILL in the house."*** Though some have elsewhere gathered that Martha was not concerned with the teachings and ministry of Jesus, we know by her words that HER FAITH WAS IMPLICIT:

> ***"Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I KNOW that even now, whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee. ...Yes Lord, I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."***
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> ***John 11:21-22, 27***

Her words and confession imply that absolute and implicit faith which is the requirement of the True Church. And as the firstborn and elder of the (spiritual) household, she typifies the elect Lady and body of Christ, which, as soon as the

Lord approaches, ARISES to meet Him outside the city! This is a beautiful portrayal of the elder group of the True Church (also portrayed by the five wise virgins with oil in their lamps, who arose IMMEDIATELY to go meet the Bridegroom). As Paul the Apostle makes very clear, the Church of Christ is to ARISE to ***"meet Him in the air,"*** so does Martha's going out of the city to meet Him portray the same Truth.

The younger sister, Mary (group), ***"sat still in the house."*** (So did the 5 foolish virgins.) And her name is that of "bitterness and sorrow"! What else can it be when they who expect so much find to their dismay that there is not oil in their lamps, and they are left sitting behind? . . . . Rebekah's veil has effectively obscured this fact down through the ages. An odd few have pierced the veil – in part – but even now many cannot see because of that veil which shall not be lifted until Martha goes out to meet Jesus. (It corresponds with Rebekah meeting Isaac in the field at even, away from the camels which carried her. And Isaac lifted her veil. . . .)

However, there is a brighter side to the picture, though not detailed in the parable of the Virgins. For, we are told that afterward, Martha went and called her younger sister ***"secretly, saying: 'the Master is come and CALLETH FOR THEE'."*** Then Mary arose quickly to go meet her Lord (in the same place as Martha met Him!).

The elder group who has not left its "first love" – typified by Martha – receives its call and arises to meet the Lord on or about the 10th of Nisan (see ***Josh. 4:19***) in the spring of the year (whenever THAT momentous year arrives). Three and a half years later ***(Rev. 12:6)*** on the great day of Trumpets, the younger sister who has had her "PORTION appointed with the unbelievers" (see ***Lk. 12:46***); – here typified by the Jews comforting Mary – will also receive her call and arise to meet Him. THEN will also take place the COMPLETED REawakening of Lazarus (Jewry) by his coming to a full spiritual RE-birth.

Two weeks later on that great day of Tabernacles shall be

fulfilled the age-old promise of His coming, to which He also personally referred in the words:

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of Heaven, with power and great glory."

Matthew 24:30

His promised return is to be to the city of Jerusalem. THAT is the symbolic and prophetic significance of Bethany being "about 15 furlongs outside of Jerusalem." The 15 furlongs are the approximate 15 days separating the two mighty events. On the 1st of Tishri (Feast of Trumpets) the mighty host arises to meet their King outside the city (in the air). On the 15th of Tishri, two weeks later, comes the Feast of Tabernacles when the risen and returned KING descends to the Mount of Olives. (These two Tishri datings usually come in our September.)

"And this know that if the goodman of the house had known what hour of the night the thief would come, he would have watched, and not suffered his house to be broken through."

Luke 12:39

Paul tells us clearly that believers in Christ constitute the "household of God." Jesus was not interested in preaching about irrelevant households. Therefore, the house of the goodman which is to be 'broken through' is the household of the Church of God which will have its 'firstborn' kidnapped by "the thief in the night." This is the high strategy of the returning King, to exact a ransom price from the remaining household: the price of a great and true repentance to bring them back to their 'first love'. THEN will the significance of 'Miriam' (the Mary of 'bitterness') come into overwhelming fulfillment! To this great and startling truth agree the words of the mighty Prophet of old:

"A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that renders recompense to His enemies....

Before she travailed she brought forth, BEFORE her pain came she was delivered of a man-child** (see Rev. 12:5). **Who has heard such a thing? ...Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion TRAVAILED she brought forth her children."

Isaiah 66:6-8

Here the venerable seer beheld the same perplexing situation. BEFORE Zion (the Church) travails; BEFORE her pain comes she brings forth the man-child, whom the Revelator tells us is to be caught up to Heaven and the throne of God. THEN does the Church enter into pain and travail, and consequently (as well as subsequently) brings forth her CHILDREN! The Prophet reasons with us asking if it makes sense that a nation should be born in one day! Many days follow and he hears ***"a voice of noise from the city."*** Well might he hear that noise in the worldwide weeping of Miriam (Mary) – the younger sister – the selfsame noise of weeping of the 5 foolish virgins standing without, crying to be let in. But then the Prophet rejoices, for he beholds that in the lament and travail of Zion, her children are brought forth; a nation is born that shall "shepherd the world with a rod of iron." Thus again we see two separate and distinct events destined for the end-time. It is the birth of the man-child BEFORE the Church travails, then comes her pain and anguish leading to the birth of her multitudinous children.

Throughout the entirety of God's manifestation to man, we observe this duality of effect in the objective world.

First there was Adam unto whom was given Eve, that a new creation – as it were – might come about. Parallel with this is the first advent of Christ. Adam's sleep is the departure of Christ before He comes again for His Bride (Eve) that a new creation may eventually come into being.

Abram took Sarah to wife, who later gave him Hagar to wife. He had two sons: Ishmael and Isaac. Then again came Esau and Jacob. Jacob too had the experience of duality in

being given Leah to wife instead of Rachel for whom he had bargained. A week later, He had Rachel too. The same division arose in his greater house, the kingdom splitting into the northern and southern – ten tribes and two.

Even in the Mosaic Tabernacle were two parts: the Outer or Profane Court, and beyond the first veil was the sanctuary, wherein also obtained the same division. There was the holy place for the priests, while beyond the second veil was the Most Holy where rested the Ark of the Covenant. Twice was Moses with God 40 days in the Mount; twice did he make two tables of stone for the 10 commandments. Two peoples; two covenants and two priesthoods. Two WITNESSES of God are declared ***(Rev. 11:3)***, and two witnesses has God provided for the guidance of His present creation; the Inspired Record which is our Holy Bible, and the Great Pyramid of Gizeh which is His witness in stone, fully corroborating the Bible – THAT ALL MAY BELIEVE! Finally, there are two kingdoms: the one in the Heavenlies and the other earth-based. . . .

Considering this multiple duality in God's manifest works, it should not be difficult to believe that there will be a temporary duality in the Household of God during the last days; NOT to bring about division, but rather, UNITY! For, through the travail of Zion will the barriers of creed, the dividing walls between sects, be BROKEN DOWN, that one vast Church may UNITE in supplication to the Ever-Living and coming KING. . . . THEN, seven weeks later comes another Pentecost when the WHOLE world shall receive the 'latter rain'. The 'former rain' came some nineteen centuries ago, and on very limited territory. But all things must first come to Jerusalem and to Israel; later to the balance of the world. So in like manner does this repeat in the outpouring of the 'latter rain' when it shall reach to the uttermost parts of the earth. THEN shall the Veil of Rebekah be fully lifted. SEEING, then, we shall behold the fullness of her beauty as the mighty angel stands both on earth and sea, at whose voice seven thunders roar their answer. Then the angel swears by the Ever-Living that:

"...there shall be TIME no longer. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHALL BE FINISHED."

Revelation 10:6-7

"Time" as we know it must always continue, but it is the time of MYSTERY, and the time of WAITING for that mystery to fulfill that shall THEN cease to be. ***Revelation 10:7*** makes it abundantly clear that there IS a mystery attached to the Church (the 7th angel and 7 thunders), and that the 'mystery' shall cease to be a mystery when the 7th angel commences to sound. That the work of the Church, and God's dealing with His Church, is NOT finished at the trump of the 7th angel is also abundantly manifest in the words:

"...in the dayS of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall BEGIN to sound...."

It is not in one moment of a specified day that he shall sound and be finished, but he shall "begin" to sound, and his voice shall sound through several 'dayS'. Those 'days' are prophetic of years.

When the 7th angel 'begins' to sound, the 'mystery' is FINISHED: the 'man-child is born and caught up to the throne of God BEFORE her pain came and BEFORE Zion travailed. The SEVEN thunders had roared their answer, which voice had been sealed at God's request. But the 7th angel continues to trumpet! (Ponder that much.) He continues to sound.... THEN the remaining Church enters its period of mourning: TRAVAIL comes upon her; the intensity of her pain comes upon her: THEN shall she commence to bring forth her children – which 'nations' shall NOT be "born in one day." After 7 weeks of Zion's travail comes the answer from on high: the outpouring of His Spirit and enduement with Power that the Church TRIUMPHANT in the true Spirit and Power of her Lord shall "do greater works" than He ever did – to gather in a harvest befitting the Coming KING!

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Chapter 7
The 7 Thunders

In preceding chapters we have dealt with the seven mighty miracles of our Lord (one treated in *SHOMERON'S BLIND BEGGAR*) and His ONE lone miracle after the resurrection. Some of these have spoken entirely of the future, while others have been shown to dovetail with events of recorded history.

Some people are very little interested in prophecy, yet very much interested in the Word of God. This is regrettable! A person need not be interested in prophecy from the perspective of impending events, but in an age of crass materialism and lack of a LIVING faith in God – PROPHECY becomes the super-weapon to combat UNbelief! It is indeed the UNused edge (by the Churches) of His two-edged sword! PROPHECY – as revealed in His Word – when properly handled becomes THAT which no man can refute, not even lightly regard. Ministers may drone away forever on the necessity of FAITH yet countless thousands are not so constituted as to be capable of accepting God's Word merely because it has been recorded and claimed to be such. ***"Blessed are they who have not seen, yet HAVE BELIEVED,"*** said the Christ. Wonderful and precious is such faith. . . . But the doubting Thomas required PROOF! And did our Lord disappoint him? NO indeed! And today with the phenomenal advance in science materialistically oriented, the 'doubting Thomas' type

of people are on a rapid increase. It seems popular to be "from Missouri." Therefore is PROPHECY needed as it never was before. Indeed its hour is late! For, had PROPHECY been preached and demonstrated from the pulpits throughout the world during the last few decades, it is doubtful that the Christian world today could have found as much as one UNbeliever in its midst!

Therefore is it of the utmost importance that we study prophecy intensively that we may have the PROOF to present unto those who are lacking in faith. And even unto such who – reputedly – have faith, prophecy properly presented can transform their lukewarmness into a vibrant, LIVING faith.

Therefore, in these LAST DAYS is prophecy being set forth as it never before was given man to see – to the end that UNbelief shall give room to a living faith, and that the insipid shall find cause to sing upon their beds.

Now that the great miracles of our Lord have been covered, and His Parables and strange sayings also unveiled to reveal scintillating gems of Truth and prophecy, we shall turn our attention to other Scriptures which also pulsate with His prophetic Spirit, and add to the beauty and completeness of His Pattern-in-Truth.

Throughout the Scripture, as well as in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, we find the number '7' in profusion. The Bible tells us plainly that it is the number of His Church, and the Great Pyramid proves it mathematically. While in the writer's *NUMBER SYMBOLISM* book, it has been shown to be the VIRGIN number. Therefore, since His true, Spirit-born Church has been declared to become His 'bride', it seems right and good that it should be represented by the Virgin-number.

Therefore, the 'voice' of the 7 thunders MUST of necessity be the voice of the 7-branched Church. The mighty angel of ***Revelation 10*** whose face is as the sun, places his right

foot on the sea and his left upon the earth.

The earth corresponds to the human body, while the sea answers to the human soul. The angel's right foot and hand manifest the POSITIVE Spirit-power of God, whereby the 'soul' (sea = water = soul) of the Firstborn Church is caught up to Heaven and the Throne of God. The 'left' of the angel typifies the negative, or the DISINTEGRATING power of God, whereby the human form (body) ceases to be! At that instant does the 7-fold Church answer His call – awaited for over 19 centuries! THEN do the five wise VIRGINS go forth to meet their Lord; it is Martha meeting Him outside the city!

Doubtful is it that human thought can fathom the profundity of THAT moment, nor conceive of the exultant joy which shall be VOICED by 144,000 as they leave the earth to meet Him! The Revelator heard it as 7 thunders! But their rejoicing and answering call, together with the lamentations of the remaining body, he was forbidden at that moment to reveal. His Church was a MYSTERY from the beginning, and as such was decreed by Divine Wisdom to remain, in order that the Divine strategy might find its full effect!

"In the dayS of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall BEGIN to sound," shows us clearly that, contrary to what is commonly preached, the work of His Church is not to find consummation in one specified moment. For, we are told of the dayS of the angel's voice (which days are prophetic of yearS) when he shall 'begin' to sound. That too is a clear implication of prolonged sounding. Yet when he shall BEGIN to sound, the MYSTERY attached to His Church shall then have run its course and cease to remain a 'mystery', but shall be like unto an 'open' book!

The selfsame truth is again shown by the little book which is still held 'open' in the hand of the angel. The 'open' book portrays the UNfinished work of the Church. And when John had taken the little book and eaten it, it was in his mouth sweet as honey, but in his belly it was bitter. THAT will be the

experience of every 'revelator' and teacher-in-Truth during those days. For, the eating of the little book, that is, the inward recognition of the dumbfounding fact that others were taken (away) but *they* left (behind) to go through the Tribulation period, will, in the inward parts (belly) be very bitter to their soul. While in their mouths it shall be sweet as honey! That is: the substance of the then apparent truth that although left behind, yet ***"the Master calleth for thee":*** that *theirs* will be the great joy a little later to reap such a harvest as never before was known. And that they too shall be privileged to become a part of that harvest.

It will be the ***"glad tidings of good things*** (Honey) "preached on a vaster scale than was ever dreamed of by the early apostles. For, in the dayS of the VOICE of the 7th angel shall be poured out the 'latter rain' yielding a second Pentecost, but this time for the entire world. THAT was the "voice of the seven thunders" declaring the Divine strategy which shall bring about the 2nd Pentecost and the fullness of the ripening grain.

The Mystery Woman

"And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Revelation 12:1

This is the celestial woman who brings forth the man-child who is to be caught up to God and to His Throne. The subject of the man-child has already been dealt with, but there are prophetic aspects and other details to be considered here.

First, we should understand that in the incalculable wisdom of God, there is never one erroneous symbol, neither one word or stone out of place! Comprehended within the

vision of His mind was every minute detail in its perfect and ultimate destiny, ages before its externalization through the Creative Word. Therefore said He to Moses: 'See to that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mount' ***(Ex. 25:40)***. The 'pattern' shown to Moses was nothing short of that REALITY existing in the Heavenlies, being the archetype on which the Tabernacle and its accoutrements were moulded. Likewise is there an archetype, or matrix in the spirit-world, pre-existent to its counterpart on the material plane.

With this thought in mind we realize that the celestial woman seen by John the Revelator was not a mere illusion, neither some strange being different from that of earthly women. The woman on earth is but her true counterpart! Because of that we can take her condition into consideration: compute the period of her gestation, and thereby predict the time of her delivery! (Yes, precisely that!) Our one and only difficulty lies in fixing the precise time of her conception. That, however, we can approximate very closely.

That we should better understand the subject of our celestial study, God graciously supplied clues and signposts.

She is clothed with the Sun while the moon is at her feet. This points again to the same time-markers as was given Moses in the mount. To calculate her time we must resort to the heavenly bodies: the only time-signals which God has established.

She is clothed with the Sun: her vestment is too bright to be gazed upon by human eye, for her raiment is purely spiritual. Her covering is the very body of the Sun, which betokens the positive and the spiritual. At her feet is seen the moon. This is the feminine and the receptive. As the feet are used for walking, distance becomes synonymous with time, and this is to be measured by the moon. Thus the moon becomes paramount in calculating her time to go.

It is a well known and established fact that the average for

human gestation is about 10 lunar revolutions. These lunar revolutions vary slightly, but are always close to an even 273 – 280 days.

A careful study of our lunar tables reveals that there are extremes of maximum periods which slightly exceed, and also the occasional period shorter than the given minimum.

Coming back to our woman in the Sun, we know – on the basis of the Inspired Record – that there were 7 branches, or churches to carry out the work of the heavenly archetype. Therefore, our mathematical problem calls for 7 periods of human gestation to run consecutively to reveal the fullness of time for THE woman's delivery. IF we use both the near-maximum and minimum periods, the result should not be far off. Thus:

$$280 \times 7 = 1960$$

By this we see that the maximum gestation period for the Church of Christ is only 1960 days (years prophetically). By making a careful survey of human gestation for the full duration of luna's 10 x 7 (= 70) revolutions, we find many do not complete in exactly that time frame.

To some, these figures are amazing yet they should not be. Our great God and Savior is well able to have every little iota of the vast prophetic picture in perfect harmony one with the other. There is just no such a thing as His having failed to think about these little details ahead of time. Every phrase and word, every parable and miracle, every time-factor and sign given is in its precision place, time, amount and dimension, that its Truth and revelation may synchronize with the balance of revelation: all in perfect portrayal of that which is and is to come! And, these revelations are now given that the keenest critics may be dumbfounded; that those who require a wealth of irrefutable evidence may by faith lay hold on the Rock which is Christ our Lord.

In a further study of John's vision of the celestial Church, we find a crown of 12 stars upon her head. This speaks of a

FULLNESS of glory for Israel and the 12 tribes thereof. But that is spiritual in connection with and through the operation of His Church. It is therefore manifest that we cannot apply the measure of the Church's gestation period as commencing at Pentecost. That was but *one* church ministering the Word with power unto *the Jews only;* while the Cross was set up that the Church might open unto ALL peoples. And, for this Church to function in its fullness of normal power, SEVEN earthly organisms had to spring up.

It is doubtful that we would be justified to wait for the completed organization of 7 churches, but it is certain that something had to transpire, leading in that direction before it could be said that the 7-fold Church had *CONCEIVED.* It is doubtful that the precise event and year can be correctly decided upon now. But it appears a logical assumption to conclude that it did not take place previous to the Gentile Church's advent in the house of Cornelius, neither should it be later than the time of Paul and Barnabas being set apart to preach unto the Gentiles ***(Acts 13:2)***. Some chronologers place that event in 45 A.D. But regardless of whose chronology we may favor, it seems difficult to secure an earlier dating than 40 A.D. for the Church in the house of Cornelius, nor a later dating than 50 A.D. for the event of ***Acts 13:2***. Thus, to the first dating we add the minimum period, while to the last dating we add the maximum.

It becomes, then, a reasonably safe assumption to confidently expect the event of ***Revelation 12:5*** to take place some time around the maximum gestation period as previously given.

40 A.D.	or	50 A.D.
+ 1960		+ 1960
2000 A.D.		2010 A.D.

Obviously, if the gestation cycle was less or the day of conception different – the time given would change.

While the prophetic pattern He has given us is CERTAIN,

and His time-markers SURE, yet we cannot be very positive about the time of events 19 centuries ago. But according to what should be minimum and maximum dates as above, we see again how NOW is the time for His Church to be delivered.

According to ***Revelation 12:2*** we see where she travailed and pained to be delivered. To the casual observer this may seem like a contradiction of ***Isaiah 66:7*** which claims that Zion's 'man-child' was delivered BEFORE her pain came. This apparent discrepancy disappears as soon as we realize that the Prophet Isaiah spoke of Zion as the *earthly* church and organism, while John on Patmos beheld the actual heavenly archetype. The first instance bespeaks the relatively calm and orderly conditions attendant the world Church organism (Zion) when the 'man-child' is 'born' and caught up to God. While in the second instance, the archetype links with *the spirit* of the true CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN, whose travail and pain to be delivered increases from year to year with the waiting and longing for her glorification.

Accordingly then, by Isaiah, we know that her man-child will be born BEFORE her allotted time is up.

As we read the balance of the chapter about the woman, we find that after her man-child is born and caught up to heaven, the woman is given the wings of an eagle to fly into the wilderness, where *SHE* is nourished for a period of 1260 days ***"from the face of the serpent."***

This shows us very clearly that the bulk of the Church of Christ still remains on the earth to go through the Great Tribulation period. Usually this is hotly denied by a section of Scripture students who have never seen beyond Rebekah's veil – most of whom are not even aware that she took a veil! Such believe that the Church as a body is to be taken out of the world – en masse – PREVIOUS to any serious trouble arising. The perspective most common with them is that "Christ paid it all" to save them "from the wrath to come"; that it is quite all right for them to live their lives in apathy

and indulgence, trusting the Lord to spare them all concern – present and future. . . .

Such notions are assuredly contrary to Scripture which indicates clearly that the lot of the true believer is that of difficulties, testing and TRIBULATION, through which perfection is achieved.

"...exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we MUST THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION enter into the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

The chapter in ***Revelation*** under consideration states the matter in the plainest of terms. It is not THE 'woman' who is caught away to the Throne of God, but rather her 'man-child' while the woman (the church) 'flees' into the wilderness ***(Rev. 12:6)***.

The 'man-child' is that NEW LIFE which the church brings forth and is synonymous with...

"HE that overcometh and KEEPETH MY WORKS UNTO THE END, to him will I give power over the nations; and HE shall shepherd them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers, even as I received of My Father."

Revelation 2:26-27

The reader should observe the striking similarity in the wording as above with that of ***Revelation 12:5***, precluding the possibility of not identifying one with the other. But masses today of the indifferent Church are willfully ignorant of Scripture, and many woefully free from any effort to be "OVERCOMERs." Yet seven times in the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelation does the message and the stipulation go forth:

"...he that OVERCOMETH. . .",

to him (to such a one) are those precious promises made, NOT to the lukewarm, apathetic, skin-deep professing Chris-

tian who idly dreams – hopefully – that Jesus attended to EVERYTHING and that the believer has but to snore on, and on, and on. . . .

In the plainest of language are we told that the woman flees into the wilderness where she is shielded from the assault of the serpent. The wilderness is synonymous with 'testing'. Israel in the days of Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness, wherein their faith and patience were tried. The bodies of most of them were also left in the wilderness, but their children went in to the land of promise. THAT is the one bright spot in the story (for us), for, it is an allusion to those of today who – as their children – will survive the ordeals of the wilderness and cross 'Jordan' on dry ground. For that was a type of that which is to come, in every little detail.

And, as in the days of old the Israelites were finally delivered from the thraldom of Egypt through the blood of the Paschal lamb (a TYPE of God's Lamb offered on Calvary's Cross on the Paschal festival), but immediately began *lusting after the flesh-pots of Egypt,* refusing point-blank to go in to possess the land (see ***Num. 13:31***) so does this prefigure modern Christendom which finds release from the fetters of evil (bondage to Pharaoh) through the blood of God's Paschal Lamb, yet IMMEDIATELY TURNS TO THE LUSTING AFTER ALL THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD!

We, like ancient Israel, decide that to overcome the "powers ***(Eph. 6:12)*** and principalities in high places" (the giants in Canaan) is more than we can measure up to; that it is better to sojourn in the wilderness, or maybe appoint for ourselves a captain ***(Num. 14:4)*** to return into Egypt! Which indeed numerous groups of modern Israel (Christendom) have done by securing a well-paid captain (pulpit Minister in the shoes of Aaron) to feed them on vain words – worshipping a GOLDen idol – while they dawdle over the leeks and the garlic and the flesh-pots (lusts) of Egypt. Thus, the rank and the file of the Christian church today antitypically fulfills the choice made by rebellious Israel under Moses. And, like they

whose bodies fell in the wilderness (not entering Canaan), so likewise shall the modern, apathetic church in these days find itself left in the world to face the horrors of *the Great Tribulation* (wilderness dangers and difficulties), while the faithful OVERCOMER (typified by faithful Caleb) shall be snatched away as ***"a firstfruits unto God and the Lamb" (Rev. 14:4)*** BEFORE ***"the hour of temptation" (Rev. 3:10)*** shall break loose upon the world, including those whose "portion will be appointed with the unbelievers" ***(Lk. 12:46)***. However, as the *children* of "the fathers who fell in the wilderness" did go in to possess the land under Joshua, so is that a prophetic picture of the end-time, wherein those who are left to face the Tribulation repent of their worldliness, and with great earnestness go to seek "oil for their lamps."

They, then, like the children of the fathers in the wilderness, shall ***"go in to possess the land"*** as the end of THE Tribulation approaches.

To lull and salve their conscience, that group which believes they shall be spared all worry, present and future – claim that the woman of ***Revelation 12*** typifies a group of God-fearing Jews who will be kept by God's power, to enter the earthly kingdom. It takes but one glance at the last verse of the chapter to shatter that illusion. For, it states specifically that they "HAVE the testimony of *Jesus Christ.*" *Availability* of the written record does not make them *possessors* of the testimony of Christ. For,

"the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"

Revelation 19:10

– the very essence of Divine Will and Truth. By no stretch of the imagination can a Christ-rejector be said to "HAVE His testimony" – be he Jew or Gentile.

Again, in the last verse we are told that the dragon was angered, and "goes to make war with the REMNANT of her seed...." That one word (remnant) identifies and links inseparably the two groups (the 'man-child' group and her

'seed' which flees to the wilderness) as being one and the same household. Plainer language would be difficult to phrase, yet tens of thousands wilfully 'wrest it' to suit their own wishful thinking. . . .

Again it is argued that God shall withdraw the Holy Spirit from earth at the time that the man-child is caught away, making it then impossible for any revival, or even for one to live a good Christian life. The Scripture usually quoted for this UNscriptural contention is:

> ***"And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time – for the mystery of iniquity does already work; only he who now hinders will hinder until he be taken out of the way."***
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> ***II Thessalonians 2:6-7***

Here again plain language is twisted to suit *UN*Biblical theories and vain hopes. The 'he' that is to be taken out of the way – say they – is the Holy Spirit.

By going back to ***chapter 1:7***, we are shown clearly that it is the Lord Jesus Who is to be 'revealed' from Heaven. It is He Who is the main theme of the episode: His return is the highlight. Therefore – of necessity – it is the 'he' who LINKS with the mystery of iniquity which withholds and hinders the revelation of Christ from Heaven. It is the selfsame he (Satan) who is to be taken out of the way. Nowhere in Scripture is the Holy Spirit of God spoken of as a 'hinderer'. THAT is the special mission of the devil, and definitely referred to as such in ***I Thessalonians 2:18***. Until the allotted span of iniquity's mystery has run its course and finished its work of subversion, his continued presence effectively HINDERS the manifestation of the awaited King. When his era is completed and his work is done, THEN shall the TRUE Light eliminate the darkness and remove the presence of the great subverter.

> ***"...Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (age)."***
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> ***Matthew 28:20***

By which words we see the fallacy of claiming that the Holy Spirit is to be withdrawn BEFORE the end of the age. The Christ and His Holy Spirit are inseparable in the Divine ministry of this dispensation. To that testified the Lord Himself in saying:

> ***"Even the Spirit of Truth: . . .ye know Him for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. . . . I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."***
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> ***John 14:17-18***

And now in these LAST DAYS His 'coming to you' is being completed, in that a mighty array of irrefutable prophetic evidence is being revealed, clearly demonstrating to even the most skeptical that GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO MAN through an interlacing of prophecy which challenges refutation.

Let the sleeper awaken, the Spirit is calling; soon shall echo the thunders' peel. Look to the heavens, His angel is waiting while virgins do slumber. . .

– names are but few left to seal!

"PREPARE, O Israel, to meet your God"!

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Chapter 8

The Prophetic Significance of Hebrew Festivals

We have now viewed the outstanding miracles of our Lord and found His Divine Insignia in every instance. In the *Prophetic Logos* series, this author delved into the Lord's Parables in which He also left the indisputable evidence of His Divinity; both in Parable and in Miracle are found the precious gems of His riches-in-glory, manifesting details of His Divine Plan for man.

Now it follows that IF the Works and the very WORDS of Jesus the Christ overflowed with hidden Prophecy, then we can safely turn to the Old Testament in the fullest confidence that the same DIVINE SPIRIT there too inbreathed the spirit-jewels which PROVES the Divine Authorship of the text, casts further light on His Wisdom-plan for the Ages, and renders unassailable the mighty Rock-foundation of our FAITH.

Therefore we shall now turn back the pages of Sacred Record and dwell a moment on the Prophetic Significance of Hebrew Festivals.

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In the *23rd chapter* of *Leviticus* we find the ordinance for the 7 festivals. Great importance was attached to all of these, while special emphasis was placed on some. Usually, those feasts unto Yahweh are little understood, and often considered of no importance. But we should realize that the Ever-Living Being does not establish such ordinances without an overwhelmingly good reason. There just couldn't be such a thing as the Creator of this Universe merely hatching up some arbitrary dates to give Moses for His people! Dates CHOSEN BY THE LIVING GOD! Should they not SPEAK to us? Should we not dwell in them long enough in the spirit of Worship that a portion of His TRUTH may be revealed to us? For, even like the balance of ceremonial rites and Temple ordinances which were to portray great Truths in symbolic form, so do the 7 great festivals unto Yahweh portray SEVEN MAJOR EVENTS through which God deals with His Creation during this septenary cycle. Those already fulfilled we will scan briefly, but STUDY for our edification those which are yet to come.

The 1st Festival: Passover

From its very first inception, it was recognized that the PASSOVER Festival looked BACK to Israel's deliverance from the thraldom of Egypt. THAT was the very word of God! But are we to believe that the INFINITE Intelligence commanded sacrificial rites unto a prolific people, involving the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of sheep down through the centuries, *merely to look back upon a national event* – even though that event was of great importance? Did this great Festival unto Yahweh keep the Israel people *faithful* unto their God? Hardly! Even God Himself castigated His people in charging them with greater UNfaithfulness toward Himself than the heathen practised toward the gods "who were no gods"!

Therefore is it Divinely expected of man that he should understand that the God of all creation had something greater in mind than *LOOKING BACK*, even though His people at that time did not realize that *their deliverance was in itself a type of a greater DELIVERANCE TO COME:* the true Passover Lamb of God to *grant deliverance to all mankind!* Yes, even a deliverance from the bondage to sin in the prison of this world (typified by Israel's bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt).

According to the prescribed ordinance, the Passover Lamb was to be shut up from the 10th to the 14th of the month Nisan (1st month of the sacred year). Thus the lamb of the sacrifice was kept FOUR DAYS in anticipation of the deliverance (in Egypt). In like manner *DID THE LAMB OF GOD AWAIT THE GREAT SACRIFICIAL EVENT FOUR DAYS* (4,000 years) *IN THE HEAVENLIES; AND WAS TAKEN AND CRUCIFIED ON THE VERY DAY OF THE JEWISH PASSOVER!*

Since so much symbolism is involved in the Passover feast which is little understood, perhaps we could to advantage look a little deeper.

In the spring of the year, God declared to Moses that Nisan was to be their FIRST month, and as commencing in the evening of the day that the new lunar crescent was first sighted. On the 10th day of that month the Paschal lamb was to be shut up; on the 14th day in the evening it was to be slain. Forget not that God Himself had declared that the Sun, the moon and the stars were to be ***"for SIGNS and for seasons"!*** Thus, in the sacred Nisan, the Sun (symbol of Life and Spirit) entered the zodiacal sign of Aries (the sheep or lamb). On the 14th day of the month the moon IS FULL as the Sun sets: *THEN WAS THE LAMB SLAIN!* Thereby is beautifully depicted the sacrificial death of God (in human flesh) in order that the human SOUL (moon) might live, rising in its full lustre! For, as the Sun is the only visible light and life-giver for this Universe, so does the Sun in Aries depict THE SPIRIT (of God) giving LIFE to the world (crossing the equator in the vernal equinox), through the sacrifice of Himself in or-

der that the human SOUL might LIVE!

The prescribed lamb slain at sunset when the Sun was in Aries, clearly portrayed that the body His Spirit indwelled should be sacrificed *to give LIFE TO THE SOUL* (shown by the rising moon in the brilliant lustre of her fullness).... Therefore said the greatest of all Prophets (John the Baptist): "Behold the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world" (that the human soul might live – luna [the moon] emerging from the darkness, RISING, and shining in her strength)!

NOW you can begin to see wherein God did not throw "any old date' at Moses, but detailed THE ONLY DATE which could correctly typify His own great sacrifice PLANNED FOR THE AGES and given living REALISM by the slaying of the lamb at sunset when the Sun was in Aries (the ram). Yet so many who take pride in their great learning have failed to see GOD'S PLAN FOR THE WORLD in and through the beautiful symbology of the slain Paschal lamb at sunset as the full moon rose. (See ***Ex. 12*** for its ordinances.)

To Moses and the people he led, it was faithfully promised that while the people were gathered to worship Him at any of the prescribed Festivals, no enemy should come upon them during the Feast days (see ***Ex. 34:24***). So far as it is known, no enemy troubled Israel on their High days until 70 A.D. Then on the very Passover day came Titus with the Roman legions and besieged Jerusalem, leading to Jewry's dispersion for the last time!

Did God fail to keep His promise? Hardly! THE TRUE PASSOVER HAD BEEN FULFILLED, but His people rejected Him! Therefore, the continuation of animal sacrifices then constituted the ***"overspreading of abominations"*** spoken of by Daniel, for which reason Jerusalem should be made ***"desolate, even until the consummation" (Dan. 9:27)***. God kept His word, and the prophecy saw a sweeping fulfillment!

Isaiah boldly declared that God should look unto a man who was ***"poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at His word."***

Then immediately did he also declare that having seen (or found) this, THEN ***"he that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb as if he cut off a dog's neck,"*** etc., (see ***Isa. 6:1-3***). For, when THE GREAT EVENT had transpired, then it became a mockery and sin to still continue the substitutionary sacrifices. Therefore was Israel cut off as prophesied by the seer because of their ***"overspreading of abominations."***

The 2nd Festival: The Feast of Unleavened Bread

The Feast of Unleavened Bread (7 consecutive days commencing on the 15th of Nisan) had its antitypical fulfillment in the 'Communion of Saints'. One looked forward, the other back. But many Christians consider it as a 'rite' instead of realizing that it is a reminder for us to constantly and *perpetually appropriate the True BREAD OF LIFE which genders unto the sinless life* (without leaven).

Although the world will sneer and the churches take it lightly, the great Spirit-Truth here shown us is that every newborn Christian (receiving LIFE though faith in the slain Lamb of God) is required to FAST COMPLETELY FROM THE WORLD THROUGHOUT 7 DAYS! If, as and when this great Truth of His Spirit-law becomes recognized, accepted and practised by His Churches, then shall Christendom become a factor of incalculable POWER within the land. (The MYSTERY pertaining to this is dealt with more fully in the *TABERNACLE* series).

The 3rd Festival: The Wave Sheaf

The Wave Sheaf offering is sometimes considered as an integrated part of the "Feast of Unleavened Bread." But regardless of its classification, it is one of those ordinances conceived in the mind of The INFINITE which is of great significance, and usually understood but in part.

"On the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it" (Lev. 23:11). "And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord TO BE ACCEPTED FOR YOU." "On the morrow after the Sabbath" referred to the 16th of Nisan which was the day for the Wavesheaf to be offered. The 'Sabbath' referred to was the 15th of Nisan regardless of which day of the week that fell upon, for it was decreed a day of ***"HOLY convocation"*** (see ***23:7***).

The Wavesheaf out of the BARLEY harvest-field is generally – and correctly – understood to depict the resurrection of Jesus Christ who "ascended to the Father" on the 16th of Nisan, shortly after He spoke to Mary, saying:

> ***"Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father...."***
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> – ***"...To be ACCEPTED FOR YOU"!*** Therein was the vicarious atonement PROCLAIMED, and demonstrated in rite almost 1400 years before the Cross of Calvary!

But what is invariably overlooked is the fact that our Lord is the OWNER of the harvest-field. Although the physical body of Jesus did become a part of that harvest, yet God must of a necessity garner out of that harvest ANOTHER sheaf that the symbology may be completely fulfilled. God owns the field; He has planted the good seed, and He as THE true 'High Priest' shall personally pluck up and WAVE before God

the end-time Wave-sheaf as a 'firstfruits' unto them who are ALIVE! And, with reference to this end-time wave-sheaf 'to be accepted for you', it should not be difficult to understand that UNLESS a 'firstfruits' virgin IS accepted out of the harvest-field to become the BRIDE of Christ, then a "household of God" in the Heavenlies – for saved sinners – is an utter impossibility! An absolute requirement becomes the Bride! And SHE is that end-time wave-sheaf.

This is also more clearly shown us by the ***"two tenths deals fine flour mingled with oil" (Lev. 23:13)***. The 2/10ths = 1 FIFTH which number speaks to us of the FREEdom-setting power of God through His Grace. Were the human element not involved, yes, were sin not to be involved, there should be no occasion for His GRACE: the number 5 would not be involved! INSOFAR as the first and the ORIGINAL weave-sheaf was concerned, the body of Jesus was shown us through the ***"he-lamb without blemish"*** which was offered as a burnt offering unto the Lord ***(verse 12)***.

The 4th Festival: The Feast of 7 Weeks

Sometimes called the Festival of Firstfruits, this festival commenced its count of days on the 16th of Nisan and terminated on the day of Pentecost (which word refers to the 50th day). This festival was also founded in the first month, and inseparably linked with the Wave-sheaf waved on the 16th; and is, perhaps, even less understood.

The Scripture tells us how Christ became ***"the firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20)***, being that Wave-sheaf waved on the morrow after the Sabbath, even as it is declared He rose on the 3rd day (14th Nisan = 1st day, 15th Nisan = 2nd day and 16th Nisan = 3rd day). But, since a ***"firstfruits of them that slept"*** was deemed good in the sight of God, how much more

so shall it not be deemed good to prepare a *firstfruits* UNTO THEM WHO ARE ALIVE? This was portrayed and already explained, yet the Festival of Weeks had its commencement founded in the very day of the resurrection (16th Nisan), and terminated on Pentecost.

Thus we see that the 4th Festival (the EARTH number) is inseparable from the Wave-sheaf. Actually, the two are ONE, having two highly important dates and events: a beginning and a termination! Therein is shown to us that which I am endeavoring to make clear: namely, that the true HARVEST is yet to come, and it shall produce its FIRSTFRUITS, and OF NECESSITY, *it must have its day of Pentecost!*

Now observe carefully: as the Feast of Weeks terminated in the day of Pentecost, TWO LOAVES *baked with leaven,* of 2/10th deals fine flour (= 1/5th) should be offered unto the Lord: they being "the FIRSTFRUITS unto the Lord."

Therein are we clearly shown that *in the END* of the harvest, *TWO* loaves shall emerge which shall have been baked in a LEAVENED state! That, beloved, portrays SIN, to which the entire Church of Jesus Christ has been subject. Nevertheless, *TWO* loaves shall emerge as a FIRSTFRUITS (bespeaking the still deeper mystery that even in the END-time harvest – soon at hand – THE WORK OF HIS REDEEMING GRACE SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED)!

The church 'luminaries' tell us glibly that *PENTECOST IS PAST!* Beloved of God, IF Pentecost is PAST, then – like Paul said – are we of all men most miserable. . . . For, IF Pentecost is PAST, then there IS *NO HARVEST* for us to anticipate; IF Pentecost is past then were we born too late and 'missed the bus'!

But REJOICE! For, God is not concerned with the puerile babble of man-appointed teachers, neither with their incoherent mutterings in the stupor of deep sleep! Clearly enough for a child to understand has He portrayed that PENTECOST arrives at the END of the Church-age, coming on the Day of

GRACE for the human soul (50) *at the conclusion* of 7 x 7 days. The '7' speaks of His Church, while the other '7' is the completed septenary cycle (for the Church). Thus, it was an utter impossibility that THE Pentecost was fulfilled 7 weeks after His resurrection. THAT was but a FOREtaste of the Power to come in order that the work of His Church should be properly launched.

But NOW approaches the day of the ripening grain. Soon shall be brought forth TWO loaves *baked with leaven,* and they SHALL BE ACCEPTED by virtue of the *7 lambs* without blemish, which bespeak THE SINLESS ONE (1 lamb for each branch of the 7-limbed Church). These two loaves are ONE, having been prepared from the ripened grain out of the WAVE-SHEAF offered 7 weeks earlier! These TWO loaves are the "10 Virgins: 5 wise and 5 foolish." These two loaves are Martha and Mary; both go out of the city to meet their Lord in the same place, yet Martha meets Him *AHEAD of Mary!* Martha is the elder, and meets her Lord while ***"Mary sat still in the house. . . ."*** *Then* and thereby shall the "house be BROKEN THROUGH" ***(Lk. 12:39)*** when the 'man-child' shall be kidnapped, exacting a ransom-price from the balance of the earthly house(-hold).

We scan the details of this END-time drama when we see (by preview) the children of Israel crossing Jordan on dry ground, coming UP out of the River Jordan on the 10th day of Nisan. THAT is the snatching away of the 'man-child' up unto the Throne of God. The REMAINING Church of Jesus Christ behold the JEWELS missing! Stunned, they realize that "the house(-hold) has been broken through"; in great grief they realize that their lamps were without oil, and they set forth to *BUY for themselves!*

The FIRST loaf has been snatched away: the 144,000 VIRGINS ***(Rev. 14:3-4)***. ***"She*** (they are ONE) ***is brought unto The King in raiment of needlework; ...her clothing is of wrought GOLD."*** But Mary (the 2nd loaf) came unto her Lord also; the FOOLISH virgins DID get their oil, and so the Psalmist-PROPHET

said by His Spirit: ***"the Virgins <u>her companions</u> that <u>FOLLOW HER</u> shall be brought unto Thee*** (the King)" (see ***Ps. 45:10-15***).

But we are getting ahead of the FACTUAL drama. When the first loaf is immediately accepted by God and its place found EMPTY, then shall a worldwide SORROW engulf His Church, bringing it to its knees in unceasing prayer and fasting throughout a 7-week period. THAT is that earnestness of spirit and contriteness of heart which God has looked for in vain down through these 19 centuries; THAT shall be the fast and prayer which He shall HEAR with joy: THEN shall come His RUSHING answer in a mighty wind and with "cloven tongues of fire," settling upon the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ: THAT SHALL BE PENTECOST fulfilled! THEN shall be swept into His Church more souls in a day than have been added to Church rolls in a whole year! THEN shall we behold a harvest of the GLORIOUS LORD AND OWNER! THEN shall His Word be preached in its intended primordial purity and strength; then shall the reaping go forward in joy, and in the energy of His Spirit. *THAT* SHALL BE PENTECOST!

Here and there, now and then, minor REVIVALS come and go, but no momentous revival shall take place until "the house has been broken through," bringing His apathetic Church to its knees "with tears and strong crying" as has never been seen before. God has planned the strategy! He sowed the field. And we can bet our last shirt and dime that He shall reap a harvest in such bounteous measure that the churches shall be straitened for its containment!

We have seen how the first THREE Festivals – ***"holy convocations"*** unto the Lord – were celebrated in the FIRST month. These being 'ONES' (1 = Life) were ordained by God UNTO LIFE. God was the GIVER! He was the Planter; His creation neither has nor could do anything about it: God alone can give LIFE!

The 4th Festival – being the number of the earth and its fullness (fruitfulness) – was celebrated in the 3rd month, but

had its inception in the 1st. Pentecost, thus being a '3' (by number of the month), links with the spoken WORD and the Teacher, or the priesthood on a national scale. Therefore came its preliminary fulfillment with wind (=air in motion which is essential for the audible word) and with cloven tongues of fire. Fire is symbolic of Spirit: that is, the directing power, or medium controlling the air-blasts (sounds) must be SPIRIT! And, although the Festival of Fruitfulness links with the '3', yet it was founded in '1', which is LIFE, and consummated in '50' which has contacted the touch of God ('0') for the human body, gendering unto FREEdom for the human soul. (See the writer's *NUMBER SYMBOLISM.*)

In the SEVENTH month fall the last three Festivals. The preceding ones dealt with LIFE from God, while in the last three we find *the consummation of all things unto the Church* (7), and then unto the balance of the world in and through the instrumentality of His Church. Fail not to discern the workings of God, for He has given us no wrong tokens! ONE (1) is His own basic number, *or the manifest Life,* while '7' is the Virgin number – which alone can be that of His spotless Bride. The ONE and the SEVEN: the man and his woman; the Christ and His Bride. The man and his woman — united in ONE is a PRErequisite to the 'household', which in turn *precedes* the nation and kingdom!

The 5th Festival: Trumpets

On the days of ancient Israel, the 1st day of the 7th month was observed by ***"a memorial of blowing of trumpets."*** In the days of Israel's pilgrimage, or in the time of war, the first trump was an alerting: a call to Israel's host to stand in readiness. When the Trumpet sounded again, the host would march to its new destination, or to the field of war. Thus, in the Festival of Trumpets we cannot disassociate its

trumpeting with the call to stand at readiness, and with the orders to MARCH.

Therefore, as the first day (1) of the 7th month arrives, the LIVING (1) Church (7) of Jesus Christ is alerted and immediately hears its call to MARCH: ***"come up hither"*** has the Revelator proclaimed the orders to read.

> ***"I show you a mystery": ...In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST TRUMP, for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and WE SHALL BE CHANGED."***
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> ***I Corinthians 15:51-52***

As the trumpet called forth the host of Israel in the days of old, so shall the Trump of God on the appointed 1st of Tishri call forth the host of the new, spiritual Israel! God has not given us a false symbology!

The 6th Festival: Fast of Atonement

This was observed on the 10th day of the 7th month, nine days following Trumpets. The ritual was rather elaborate. The high priest had to make a sin-offering for himself first; then a sin-offering for the people, followed by the 'scape-goat' over which was confessed the sins of the people, after which the scapegoat was sent out into the wilderness. Thus were the sins of Israel erased as covering the cycle just closed.

In like manner shall dawn THE GREAT DAY when the True High Priest of the new, Spirit-led Israel shall present before the Throne of His Majesty the full ATONEMENT PRICE for every member of His "purchased possession." The awe and solemnity of that moment has not been equalled in the ages past, neither shall be in the eras to dawn when the greatest of High Priests shall minister in the Heavenly Temple,

presenting before the Father the blood of the SIN OFFERING for the people. Up to that moment the believer's *"life"* has been *"hid with Christ, in God,"* but after the ATONEMENT PRICE has been presented, THEN is every member FREE, and shall REIGN (10) with their Lord.

On earth will be an answering fulfillment — contrariwise. It will mark the greatest blood-bath of all time, and for the ages to come. The war then raging shall on that day see its last great battle – little to no strength remaining for further combat. Then shall the dead and the dying – in their blood – reach unto the horse bridles on the battlefields against Jerusalem.

The 7th Festival: The Festival of Tabernacles

This is marked five days following THE great Day of Atonement being the 15th of Tishri. In olden days, Israel then dwelt in booths, "rejoicing before the Lord" seven days. The Jews have looked back to the time of their fathers' pilgrimage and tent-dwelling eras, but we may rest assured that the Central Creative Intelligence did not devise a concluding FESTIVE day for the mere purpose of His people looking back to their small and wearisome beginning. But rather was it determined upon in the secret council of God as THE day when – with His Bride and Virgin-clouds in canopy – He shall return to earth to inaugurate the embryo Kingdom, when in Truth and reality the earthly 'remnant' of His people shall rejoice before the Lord their God Who HAS COME! His return takes place at eventide, closing the 14th and opening the 15th of Tishri. Of this day spoke the Prophet, saying: at even IT SHALL BE LIGHT! For of THAT day He spoke in person, saying:

"And then shall appear the sign (the Shekinah glory) of the Son of man in heaven: ...and they shall see the

Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matthew 24:30

What dazzling splendor shall light up that evening as Creation's King descends in glory! Swiftly now THE day approaches. . . . Once more let us glance back upon the Festival dates to see how *GOD CONFORMS* all things unto the BASIC LAWS He has established.

Already it has been stressed how HIS WONDROUS UNDERTAKINGS UNTO LIFE (for man) were wrought in the FIRST (1 = Spirit; Life) month of the year. On the 10th day of the 1st month, the first numeral cycle completed: the number '1' moved from its first placement (controlling the material form; see graph in *NUMBER SYMBOLISM*) into the 2nd placement to the left, while the brooding Spirit of God entered the placement of animate form. LIFE (1) entered the realm of SOUL, while His Spirit in REPOSE (0) awaited in the material form.

As the Sun was in the Zodiacal sign of Aries, and the Sun by precessional movement was also in the constellation Aries (1 = LIFE), He commanded the symbolic young RAM (Aries = 1: LIFE, SPIRIT) to be shut up in order that both body and soul should NOT be destroyed.

Then came 11, 12, 13 and 14: FOUR days of awaiting. FOUR is the number of fruitfulness, hence of subjection or exposure to existing conditions: this we often call TESTING. (When the number 4 reaches the placement of soul, the testing takes on the scope of 'tribulation'.) In other words, when the material form or body had abided through its required cycle unto fruitful expression, then came the SACRIFICE in order that '5' (FREEdom) might enter the placement of body. ***("Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and DIES, it abideth alone; but IF it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" – Jn. 12:24.)*** This selfsame 15th of the 1st month God declared to be observed as a SABBATH. The Sabbath – we know – marked the completion of an expressive cycle; a time for realization in

the acknowledgment of God's sovereignty and GOODNESS; it was A TIME FOR THE CONTACTING OF GOD! Therefore, since God had undertaken to also grant LIFE UNTO THE SOUL (that it need not die because of sin) THAT day needs must be hallowed, for now, the new lease on life by the soul fully justifies relaxation in body, rejoicing in soul and the worshiping of God 'in Spirit'.

On the 16th of the 1st month came the WAVE-sheaf out of the barley field. The number '6' stood in the placement of body; the very number of man's creation ***("and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of LIFE, and man became a living soul")***. This WAVE-sheaf was to be 'accepted' by God "FOR THE PEOPLE." It was a part of the harvest ritual. The people were too gross to understand that God was little concerned over their harvest possibilities in a purely material sense (was He not able to feed them even out of Heaven?), but this He chose as the proper symbol for His own anticipated HARVEST OF HUMAN SOULS! Thus, in spirit and truth, the wave-sheaf was not so much an assurance unto the people that they should reap a bounteous harvest of barley, but that God was giving them a TRUE TOKEN that as their bodies and souls had been saved out of the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt (symbolic of the devil who is 'the chief of this world') so likewise would He save (or preserve) both their bodies and souls through the instrumentality of the slain Passover "Lamb without blemish" (symbolic of His own Spirit to indwell a sinless human form, and voluntarily offer up Himself for the sins of the people).

Now '1' had entered the human soul, which soul had become subject to DEATH through the sins of the primitive pair. This was God's RE-creation, if you please! The cycle of digits had completed; on the 6th day of the 2nd cycle of the month, God undertook by Word and symbolic rite to *RE-CREATE* His creation to *overcome* the consequences of man's primitive disobedience. (The details of this disobedience are laid bare in the *TABERNACLE* Series by the writer.) Thus again could it be said – with slight variation: God breathed into his

nostrils the Spirit of LIFE that man might become a DEATHLESS soul!

On the 6th day of the 2nd cycle (16th Nisan), the Wave-sheaf was offered, and accepted by God. In the 1st cycle the number of man had seen LIFE, but entered into DEATH. But now in the 2nd cycle (2 = separation, division, screening), the Divine Law unto Life was given and man was to CHOOSE between good and evil. Yet man was too weak to always choose the good, so God brought forth the "LAMB OF GOD" that, through His own creative power after having "fulfilled the Law" He might infuse a DEATHLESS Life into the human soul. And, through the token of the accepted Wave-sheaf, God assured His people that they WOULD BE ACCEPTED *to the end that there should be a glorious harvest of human souls* unto Himself!

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE THROUGH THE VICARIOUS ATONEMENT OF GOD HIMSELF was preached unto ancient Israel through Moses and the rites he instituted, BUT THEY UNDERSTOOD IT NOT!

Now, although the 16th was the 6th of the 2nd numeral cycle, it was also the FIRST of the week of LIFE (soul-harvest) ANTICIPATION! The 15th, God had declared a SABBATH: therefore was the 16th also a 1st, and therefore unto LIFE! Thus had the 16th been set for the Wave-sheaf, symbolic of the fact that the Son of God should of THAT day, infuse a NEW LIFE into the limp and lifeless body, rising triumphant over death and victorious over the grave! And, in that He overcame death and flashed before the CENTRAL THRONE OF POWER in the Heavenlies on that day, was His ATONEMENT for weak and sinful mortals ACCEPTED by the Central EXECUTIVE! ***"TO BE ACCEPTED FOR YOU"!***

Commencing the weeks (7) of LIFE ANTICIPATION, the 16th was to be counted as '1' ('LIFE' through His Spirit). Seven weeks must complete (7 x 7 = 49), and on the 50th day (Pentecost) were the two loaves of the 'Firstfruits' offered unto God. Its symbology we have seen, but now the '5' which

was found in the placement of body on the 1st Sabbath day of the 2nd cycle, now stands in the placement of SOUL, and the Divine Presence (0) is in the allotment to SOUL.

In the numeral cycle (of this particular count of weeks) the 5th is just completing (10 x 5 = 50). Here we have an emphasis on '5'. FIVE is the FREEdom-setting power of God through the grace of His own Spirit made manifest to man through the Lamb Jesus; the JUBILEE number was inaugurated: FREEdom for the human soul was ample reason that man should REJOICE; the leavened loaves (sin-filled human bodies) were offered, and accepted by God – through the blood of the sin-offering. Sin-filled mortals had been accepted by God! Should they not rejoice? Should they not shout aloud in the joy of their souls? And when the times were complete, when the symbology of the rites had been FULFILLED IN THE FLESH, then God sent forth His Spirit in the form of tongues of fire, that man might truly rejoice and give full expression to the joy of his NEW-FOUND LIFE. THE JUBILEE (50) WAS ON. *LIBERTY WAS DECLARED* TO THE CAPTIVES AND BOND SLAVES! *LIFE-IN-FREEDOM* WAS FOR THE ASKING! The year of RESTORATION had arrived! God had kept His Word: the Wave-sheaf had been accepted! The Firstfruit loaves were offered; the harvest-field waved its whitened top for the reapers; the bounteous harvest was assured: God had been faithful, let His people rejoice in His JUBILEE: *FREEDOM THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!*

Time passes; the human number of 6 lunations and months draw to a close: the lunar (soul) manifestation cycle completes and the 7th lunation enters. Now the Solar position has reversed. It commenced (in Nisan) with the Sun in Aries and the moon in Libra (at the Passover); now the Sun is in Libra, and as the 7th Festival opens the moon will be in Aries! LIFE has been received by the Human SOUL through the grace of God. Man has seen his time of testing through the exposure to conditions obtaining. The Sun (Spirit of God) is in the SCALES of balance and JUDGMENT! The 1st ('Life') dawns and God trumpets for His people to ARISE!

They must pass before His ALL-SEEING eye to be appraised, judged, and awarded "according to their deeds in the flesh".... Again the numeral cycle completes in the TENTH of the month: the LIFE given to the SOUL must receive FREEDOM, to the end that the UNION WITH GOD (indicated by the 7 of the 7th month) may be fully realized. Therefore is it the day of ATONEMENT that all errors of the past may be fully cleared away. Those on earth who have not received life into the place of soul, cannot stand up before the keen scrutiny of God, and must take their lot accordingly. . . .

On the 15th we have again LIFE in the placement of Soul and FREEdom allotted the body – in the cycle of the Virgin '7', gendering to the marriage TO the Lamb: earthlings – then ready – shall enter into a true covenant-betrothal unto the RETURNING KING in the Feast of Tabernacles.

Little children, have you understood these things?

And now, look back to the ***24th chapter*** of ***Matthew.*** Behold the pronoun 'you' the Christ uses throughout to His disciples, and for those who follow in their steps. But then He speaks of His return to earth, saying: ***"...and THEY shall see the Son of man...."*** See the precision wording by the Holy Spirit. And may every reader take serious stock of that question: Am I "you"? or am I "they"? or am I neither, merely refuse to be swept away?

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD. . . !

Chapter 9

30 – 60 – 100-fold Fruit

"But others fell into good ground and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold and some thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:8

On this – as in other portions of Scripture – the measure of light appropriated by Christians has been very partial, leading to much misunderstanding, unending controversy, and the splitting up of His Church into different camps of thought. What tragic folly!

Often it is claimed that the 'fruit brought forth' refers to the amount of 'good works' wrought in the life of the individual Christian. THAT is the BASIC error! True, we are expected to couple our faith with that of GOOD WORKS, but His Word-seed is received into the human heart (see ***verse 19***), and from THENCE is the fruit – namely, love, kindness, patience, understanding, temperance and Godliness, and whatsoever else proceeds from His Spirit. IF the fruits of the good seed received into good ground are abundant, then the partaker thereof is ENERGIZED and goes forth to lavish his fruits upon others! And THIS was more explicitly stated by our Lord in ***John 15:16:***

"...I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should REMAIN, that whatsoever you shall ask of My

Father in My Name, HE MAY GIVE IT YOU."

Now it should be manifest to all, that 'good works' DO REMAIN. And what is even more evident is the fact that plenty of people are full of 'good works' yet their prayers ARE NOT HEARD! Neither is there any Scripture which proclaims that we shall be heard of God because we have done some good deeds. But Scriptures abound proclaiming that he who is NOT a sinner (but does the holy will of God), the same is heard of Him. Thus, clearly is it seen that THE FRUIT BROUGHT FORTH (from the seed implanted in the human heart) are the DIVINE QUALITIES implanted in the human soul by the Word of God which is the 'Good Seed'.

Therefore, the soul which yields to the regenerating power of His Spirit, transmuting the grosser carnal qualities into the beautiful Spiritual attributes WHICH ARE OF HIM – he it is who brings forth fruit an hundredfold, or sixtyfold, or thirtyfold! And when the full mystery of the 100-60-30-fold are clearly understood, then there remains no controversy as to what is required for 'salvation'; as to whether or not there is 'eternal life' for the believer, and a host of other controversial issues. But in the VEILING OF REBEKAH, depicted also by Moses' 2nd veiling ***(Ex. 34:35)***, the TRUTH has not been discerned in the progress of this long dark ***"night when no man can work."*** But now His Light beams are shooting, darkness dispelling, while Glory infills the human heart.

Jesus in the course of His ministry spoke to the multitude in parables, for they were not prepared to receive the fullness of Truth. Many of these He explained – in part – to His disciples that they might pass on the Truth to those who were prepared to profit thereby. Yet many He did not explain – because they didn't ask Him! But ***"he who is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven brings forth of His treasures, things NEW and old. . ." (Matt. 13:52)***.

Being then like unto a well instructed scribe, carefully coached by His Spirit, in this treatise the writer sheds forth of the GLORY in profusion, hidden down through the ages,

that the humble in heart may SEE and rejoice!

We may safely assume that as the good seed which falls on good ground and brings forth fruit, 30, 60 and 100-fold, so is there other seed which brings forth the manyfold in-between which were not mentioned.

Many may think it is easy enough to understand the 100-fold, linking it with perfection, but why the 60 and 30-fold? It results in three major groups. These three groups our Lord referred to at another time as. . .

> ***"...first the blade (30-fold), then the ear (60-fold) after that the full corn in the ear (100-fold)."***
>
> ***Mark 4:28***

The blade is like the leaf and compares with the grass. It gathers sunlight from above and draws the mineral-laden moisture from below. It makes possible the flower and the ear which later genders the fruit, or "the full corn in the ear." These three stages or divisions are closely interlinked.

Like unto the earth which brings forth fruit after its kind in the aforementioned three stages, so does the Word of Truth bring forth fruit in three major categories.

To better understand this mystery hidden by Rebekah's veil, let us consider it from a different perspective. (Often the ways of God are not the ways of man.)

God's manifestation to man in the "fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ," is typified by His manifestation

100	100	100
-100	-60	-30
000 lacking	40 lacking	70 lacking

Students familiar with literature from Shepherdsfield realize immediately that 100 is the number of the One risen from the open tomb [in the King's Chamber of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh]. It is the first perfection number with reference to man who is '1'. Therefore, 100 is 1^3 or man raised to his

third Soul-power. Body, mind and soul then become fully subservient to Spirit. It is the height of perfection attainable in this dispensation through the Grace of God, and the love of Jesus Christ, unto all who believe, made manifest on Calvary. Not some halfhearted belief, but that type of belief which brings a far-reaching REVOLUTION into the individual's life, to the end that he no longer is 'of this world', but glories in the things unseen. The full subservience of the lower vehicles to the dictates of Spirit will not be granted until the time of the event known as the 'rapture' or translation. Therefore, the hundredfold are those who will go forth to meet Him at the "trump of God," whether in the flesh or temporarily asleep.

Paul stated clearly that ***"flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God,"*** neither shall any but the 100-fold ever rise to meet Him. Anything short of the first perfection indicated by the 100 number can never have any intimate association with the King of kings and Lord of lords! Neither shall ever the 'blade' or the empty ear be heaped up on His table! FRUIT, and the choicest fruit only, is His soul's desire.

The group under the classification of the 60-fold presents two major aspects. First, the number 6 raised by the power of 10. This number (in its first cycle) contains the inclination to sin, or the seed of disobedience: we might call it the carnal estate of man. But here it is raised to the first power of soul, or that of subservience to soul: it engenders the DESIRE to obedience!

Its second aspect reveals the 40% lacking. The '4' links with the 4-fold being of man: body, mind, soul and spirit, and is the intrinsic number of earth. Therefore, this group which lacks the 4 raised to its first soul-power, have still too many idols of earth they worship; they have as yet not been sufficiently tried and tested in order that the dross might be purified. Their 4-fold being has as yet not found a complete sublimation through an absolute surrender to Christ. This sublimation of man's entire earth-based nature can only be achieved through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, culminat-

ing in a sealing by His Spirit through the Baptismal Fire which gives enduement with power. It is typified in Pyramid Truth through the Holy of Holies, ELEVATED in the Niche cut out of the west wall in the Queen's Chamber. Here the Spirit-fire of the Capstone (Christ) descends through the longitudinal axis, severing between earth and spiritual values (north and south).

The 30-fold group show the number of mind (3) raised to its first soul-power. These are nominal Christians who believe in the ethical value of the Christian code. They believe in Christ to the extent of conceding His Divinity, but *are in bondage to the spirit of the carnal commandments!* The SPIRIT OF FAITH has eluded them: their mind is responsive to soul but has never contacted Spirit!

Their second aspect reveals that they lack '7' to its first soul-power (70). This is the latent number of the Church within, which has never been *quickened.* It might be likened unto the candlestick which has never been filled nor lit. Even to the person not adept in the analysis of basic numbers, it reveals at a glance that the factors of the Bride, or membership in the body of Christ, are entirely lacking! Yet their '30' shows they have profited through the *Word* of Christ ***("...and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" – Jn. 6:37).***

The 100-Fold

As we survey the channel and the extent to which the three groups profit by the Seed received, we find that the 100-fold become members of that intimate body which shall always be in the very presence of the Coming King. Their individual body and soul function at the behest of spirit in execution of the Divine Will. Their *potential* is on par with the *manifestations* of the risen Christ. There is nothing 'lacking'. '1' is in the place of Spirit, bespeaking unity with the Spirit of God, while the Divine contact manifests as His REST in both the place of soul and body. This is that group which has received the 'anointing' that they may "reign with Him as priests and

"the anointed of the Lord," nor could any reign as king without that anointing.) These are the ones who have been 'sanctified by His glory' ***(Ex. 29:43)*** for, assuredly, as the Aaronite High Priest had to be fully 'sanctified' before he could minister in the Holiest, so must the individual believer become 'SANCTIFIED by His glory' in order to be fit and prepared to come into the Holiest (which is His very presence).

The 60-Fold

are greatly blessed, and through their DESIRE *to obey* shall "enter into His rest." But their lack of carnal sublimation, their attachment to idols of clay, will prevent their full release during the present dispensation. Their reward lies in the inheritance of the earthly Kingdom during the Millennial Reign. Then, through OBEDIENCE to 'the everlasting Gospel' they shall achieve IMMORTALITY in the flesh. They are already in possession of the DESIRE to obey, but the weakness of human flesh and of the carnal mind have thwarted and hindered their full release: the RELEASE enjoyed by the 100-fold. And that which the Spirit termed "the everlasting Gospel" is – on more modern language – THE LAW UNTO IMMORTALITY (the everlasting) LIFE HERE AND NOW. *That* was taught by the Christ, but His followers understood Him not, and THAT portion of His teachings have the Churches garbled ever since.

"Shall enter into His rest...." The 100-fold who have been TAKEN OUT of this world are the ones who have truly entered into His rest. But even here on earth – in that Kingdom which is being CONFORMED unto the Heavenly pattern, the 60-fold shall be the inheritors of the promise. The fact of their attaining immortality will be their REST. For, to attain immortality – in accordance with His Plan – all traces of illness must be abolished. And what is still more, although such persons may eat and enjoy normal meals, yet they shall be enabled to live indefinitely without partaking of common food! The "living manna which comes down from heaven" is the true bread unto life, and that manna is available unto all

the true bread unto life, and that manna is available unto all who have entered into immortality. (Only on one occasion is it Scripturally recorded where Jesus the Christ [the 'anointed'] partook of this Heavenly manna to assuage His hunger and regain strength – see ***Jn. 4:32***). Therefore can it be said of them that they have found rest. Since they know no illness of any type, they can enjoy the good of the land, yet they need not labor for their eats! But they shall be served by 'Gentile nations', that is, by those who seek His Law but have not entered into its Truth.

As to

The 30-Fold

we have seen how they LACK '70' to being fully acceptable in His sight. And as to the element of TIME, the Millennial Reign (the Holy Sabbath Day with God [on earth], is the corresponding factor. They lack the '70' [7], therefore they do not "enter into His rest"!

But as 30-fold, they are a product of His spoken Word, and having "come to Him" He has promised that they "shall not be cast out." That is, they shall not be cast out of the Kingdom. But observe carefully, the Millennial Reign (as we term it) is NOT the true Kingdom era: it is but His REST at the conclusion of the present era and septenary cycle of manifestation. THEREAFTER does the true Kingdom era begin!

And as concerns that period the prophetic Word declares:

> ***"the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."***
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> ***Revelation 20:5***

The 30-fold have an INTELLECTUAL concept of Christ; He is their ETHICAL STANDARD even though not too well emulated! And because of their *carnal perspective* of *that which is SPIRITUAL*, His 'REST' shall be denied them as it also was to their forerunners – in type – whose bodies fell in the wilderness. But they shall come forth to life in the earthly Kingdom era some time following the Millennial Sabbath Day.

As to their lot then we are not too well informed, but we can look back to Joseph in Egypt who was a type of the 30-fold. For, at the age of 30 he stood before Pharaoh of Egypt, and he was made second in command. Thus we may expect the 30-fold in the Kingdom era to be rulers, directors and overseers of the countless Gentile peoples then living who never entered into His COVENANT during the dispensation of Grace. They will receive their orders from the 60-fold who will then be the True Monarchs of earth (in physical bodies). In turn, the 60-fold take their instruction and orders from 'His Body' which is the 100-fold; the latter receiving their instructions DIRECTLY from the King of kings and Lord of lords! FOLLOWING the close of the Kingdom era, or THAT Dispensation, the 30-fold who have been faithful may THEN enter into the Heavenly Kingdom. (This is shown us by Joseph's bones being carried out of Egypt (this world) by Moses and his brethren AT THE END OF THEIR SERVITUDE IN EGYPT!

For a moment let us glance back, lest we lose the main features of

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during this Dispensation. We have seen how the Israelites (soldiers, servants, or Princes of God) in the FULLNESS of their time (30 years under Joseph [assumed] + 40 x 10 = 430 years – as stated) received a Moses ("saved by water") to deliver them from the thraldom of Egypt. This Moses is again made into a SPECIFIC TYPE to demonstrate the stages through which the travailing "servant of God" passes on his successive steps to liberation. Moses is 40 years old when he flees from Pharaoh into Midian ('strife') and enters into the service of Reuel ('friend of God').

Similarly do the countless people typified by Moses in the House of Pharaoh ('the Great House') of this carnal Egypt, serve their preliminary period of testing (4 x 10 = 40 years) until they commence to flee from Pharaoh. That is, they live

in the pleasure of the senses and the imagined good things of this world UNTIL THEY APPREHEND *that it means their death!* It may be forty or sixty years, or maybe only twenty. WHEN they realize that they are on the road to death (in 'the great House'), that Pharaoh may bring in the death sentence any moment, THEN have they spent their symbolic 40 years in Pharaoh's House and they flee to Midian. That is, they enter into a STATE OF STRIFE within themselves, in constant combat with their carnal desires.

But they are in service to Reuel who typifies the Spirit-ego within, and gets married to his daughter Zipporah (a little bird'). The twittering of this bird is the Spirit-voice which is always prompting, encouraging and leading the way back into the grace of her father. Moses spends another 40 years in Midian, typifying how in this state of strife between the carnal and spiritual THE FULL MEASURE OF TESTING must again be endured, be that a short period or many years.

Eventually, while feeding the flock of Reuel, that soul-yearning ('saved by water') Israelite comes to the "mount of God" (the soul's repose within the human heart) and sees the fiery burning bush. Likewise does the soul-seeker eventually (in the fullness of his time) make contact with the Spirit of God within his own soul where he beholds the TREE OF LIFE – aflame with the Spirit of God. *THERE HE RECEIVES THE PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE!* After many weak and stupid excuses, Moses accepts! So does the soul-seeker eventually accept God's PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE through Jesus Christ!

At the age of 80 he stands again before Pharaoh, announcing that he is going 3 days' journey into the wilderness to SERVE GOD. . . . (The 3 x 10 = 30-fold). The forces of evil (Pharaoh) rampant in the carnal nature are not going to give up the struggle that easily; it takes more than petitions, more than threats! RESOLUTIONS are entered into to serve God faithfully, yet Pharaoh wins out! Sufferings of this kind and of that are encountered through the many 'plagues' – yet Pharaoh is determined that the soul-seeker shall not es-

cape. But eventually the PROMISE OF THE BLOOD is *accepted* and the Lord PASSES OVER!

Thus likewise today when the Israelite (the spirit within in recognized relationship with God) takes upon his doorposts and lintel (the human tabernacle and soul) THE BLOOD OF GOD'S PASSOVER LAMB, *then* 'Pharaoh' loses out, and the pilgrim is SET FREE "to go serve God."

THIS IS THE ENTRY TO THE 30-FOLD ESTATE: *WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.* Observe now how for 30 days they traverse the wilderness, and how for *3* days they find no water ***(Ex. 15:22 – Ex. 16:1)***, and the water at Marah is bitter. Likewise does the 30-fold Christian plod along without the true WATER OF LIFE until he beholds the TREE which, when cast into the water, renders the portion of life sweet and acceptable through Christ Jesus our Lord.... From that stage the "mount of God" again hovers into sight, towards which the journey now begins. Testings and tribulations are many, but eventually the secret of sweetening the waters of this life's journey has been found.

The 30-fold are refreshed at the wells of Elim and find peace of soul in the shade of the 70 palm trees. THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD begins to exert its balm and refreshing unto the weary; the second lap leading to the 60-fold estate commences. For, we find that on the 60th day they arrive at the Mount of God ***(Ex. 19:1-2)*** where the divine law is received. THERE Moses ascends the Mount to COMMUNE WITH GOD and to receive the two tables of law inscribed by the finger of God. This speaks to us of God's Law being inscribed into the human heart; it is the Born-again experience which renders the individual "a new creature in Christ Jesus"; it is the 60 fold estate.

We have seen the stage of the 'blade' and how the entry thereto can only come through the shed blood of God's Lamb; it is the washing in His LIFE-blood by which virtue the 'destroying angel' recognizes its sheltering power, and PASSES OVER the soul-seeker. The wilderness testings come fast and

many. And at any time the 30-fold Christian may decide to 'return into Egypt', as did conclude the Israelites BEFORE they had received the Law.

Now they are at the Holy Mount where the Law IS BEING RECEIVED, but observe carefully: they had as yet no PREPARED receptacle to safeguard THE Law! SIXTY days had they spent to arrive at the Mount; 40 days was Moses on the Mount with God: total 100 days (specified). But the first 40 days speak to us of the TESTING period in its full measure which must be endured by even the 60-fold, at the termination of which '100' is contacted (the 100-fold).

But here the narrative shows us how so many arrive at the 60-fold lap of their journey, yet because a PREPARED housing is not awaiting the LAW OF GOD, the tablets are broken! It calls for a prepared and fully CONSECRATED human heart to receive and protect the Divine INSCRIPTION. Lacking this, the DIVINE LAW is shattered at the foot of the Mount, where commences afresh the excruciating 40 years in the wilderness, symbolic of how the human heart must be fully prepared to reverently receive and HOLD that which is of God. This is RE-enacted by Moses' second 40-day tryst in the Mount with God, by which time the Ark had been prepared to receive and to HOLD *safely* the Sacred Word of God. THEN is the Christian BORN AGAIN of an 'incorruptible Seed' which "LIVES and abides forever." THEN has the Seeker passed from death to LIFE; THEN is the SHEATH ('ear') prepared to receive "the full corn in the ear"; THEN is the 60-fold estate fully achieved.

The 30 days were out of Egypt and in the wilderness' preliminary TESTING; the next 30 days were also in the wilderness, but leading up to and culminating the 60th day at the FOOT OF THE HOLY MOUNT, where by the multitude, the Law was received (orally). There the people abode, but Moses communed with God 40 days. On the 100th day the two-fold LAW was received and Moses is sent down. Thus we see how the 100(-fold) is the "FULLNESS OF THE FRUIT" with God's sanction upon it. In the New Testament it is termed the "Bap-

tism in Spirit" or by 'Fire'; it is the "receiving of the Holy Spirit" (Ghost).

With the children of Israel at the foot of the Mount, the basic simplicity of the portrayal in type is slightly confused through their BACKSLIDING in heart, which so many do even today. Therefore are the 40 days RE-enacted by Moses in the Mount with God, and the Law received afresh. THEN is the Tabernacle fully prepared; THEN is Aaron fully consecrated and the OFFERINGS (sacrifice) by the people become

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when FIRE comes out from His presence and consumes the sacrificial offerings upon the Altar ***(Lev. 9:24)***. THAT was the shadow of things to come, and as experienced in the New Dispensation by the 120 on the day of Pentecost.

As the three stages (of) the blade, ear and corn in the ear, so also three stages in Christian progress: first the intellectual acceptance of Christ which is the 30-fold; then the HEART-acceptance of Christ when the person is BORN into the 60-fold category, and finally the full SPIRIT-acceptance of Christ when God honors and RECEIVES, pouring out His ANOINTING which is the fiery Spirit-baptism: that yields the fullness of the Spirit-filled life.

In like manner do the three separate groups interlink, and help to prepare for the three progressively developing stages in the growth of the Church, and of the Christian community.

It requires the INTELLECTUAL acceptance of Christ by many people to develop a profusion of BLADES, drawing in the sunlight of His love; LIFTING up the nourishment from the depths of the community or the State, clearing the way that a SHEATH *may be prepared to receive the fruit!* With this achieved, the HEART-acceptance of Christ commences its work to TRANSMUTE the various nutrient elements into the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, the *FULLNESS* of which is the "full corn in the ear" which God joyfully accepts, and then He

"thrusts in the sickle for the harvest is come"!

This, like most of the Lord's other parables, has its basic prophetic measure in conformity with the others. To bring the various numbers into prophetic power for the world, we multiply by 10. Thus we get

300	or	1000
600		600
1000		300
1900	years	1900

First we see how the blade stage was arrived at in about 300 years when the World Mistress declared Christianity a State religion. Six hundred years later the 'ear' had formed that world-fruit might be brought forth. THEN was the 'great Schism' which completed the break between Roman and Greek Churches which, in its wake, was to bring FREEDOM OF WORSHIP that all might KNOW God "in Spirit and Truth." The 1000 years later takes us into the present time when we shall see the "sickle thrust in" that the harvest may be garnered.

From the second prophetic perspective we have FIRST the 1000 years of Christianity under the universal CATHOLIC church, during which His LIFE ('1') was made manifest unto the Gentile world. THEN came the break, or the division from the one stage to the other, culminating in the REFORMATION, which was fairly well established in a great many countries by the opening of the 17th century (1601 A.D.). Then came the 300 years following during which period the WORD IS PREACHED ('3') in full freedom that man may graduate from ceremonialism (corresponding to the "letter of the law" in the days of the Pharisees) into a RECOGNITION OF *HIS* TRUE SPIRIT.

But from these measures we cannot pinpoint years for the final termination. For, the INCEPTION of these periods covered by many years, ranged from 1 A.D. to about 48 A.D. Therefore are we NOW in the era that the Sickle is about to gather the Harvest of the earth!

Chapter 10

The Concept of the Shortening of Time

Again let us look back briefly to our study in the last chapter. There we studied the 'folds' of the 'FRUIT' which His Word brings forth, resulting in three main categories of Christian believers. We also saw how this – like the balance of His sayings – has a PROPHETIC MEASURE attached. Truly, we cannot separate His Word from prophecy! Why? Because clearly are we told that the 'sword' which proceeds from His mouth has TWO edges.

The Gospel of Salvation have the Churches preached more or less faithfully down through the centuries: THAT is ONE edge of His sword. But the other edge of the SELFSAME sword have they neglected with unconcern! Why? Presumably because they could not use it, never having been instructed (by God) into the mysteries of the Kingdom as should be the 'good scribe'. Schools, colleges and seminaries yes, but is that where the Spirit of God PRESIDES as instructor? Hardly!

Specifically rang the voice of Jesus the Master in speaking to His chosen disciples: APPOINT NOT UNTO YOURSELVES TEACHERS *("But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, ...HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS" Jn. 14:26)*, **NEITHER BE**(-come) YE 'TEACHERS' UNTO OTHERS! *("Nei-*

ther be ye called Masters ["teachers"], *for ONE is your Master* [Teacher], *even Christ" [Matt. 23:10])!*

Oh to be sure, they (Gospel ministers) have preached and lectured on 'prophecy', but THAT (prophecy) is NOT the second edge of the sword! His Word does not declare TWO single-edged swords proceeding from His mouth, *but ONE,* two-edged sword. That is: His Word of TRUTH is the SWORD; its first edge is the "glad tidings" of salvation for a sin-cursed world. Yet *the SELFSAME* sword has a second edge; why not use it? THAT is the edge which ESTABLISHES GOD'S AUTHORSHIP OF THE WORD PREACHED! It is His Divine Insignia which PROVES that the Living God has declared and revealed Himself to man; it is THAT which gives the calloused heart of carnal man something TANGIBLE to lay hold on that he may receive FAITH into his soul; KNOWING through the sword's second edge that it is GOD Who has spoken the recorded Word rather than it being the invention of man.

Therefore, as a true scribe, Spirit-tutored in(-to) the Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, does the writer show forth the GLORY-GLITTER of THAT second edge *in all parts of His Word* that the world may KNOW He has revealed Himself to man; that *NOW the Bridegroom returneth!*

We saw in our study of the three groups which he correlated to the "blade, ear and full corn in the ear," that as soon as *"the fruit is brought forth, immediately He putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mk. 4:29).*

We saw also that the main prophetic measure of the said parable amounted to an even 1900 years, and also how history has verified the three integrated measures in a two-fold manner! But now let us briefly scan the same measure (1900 years) from the EPOCHAL dates of our Lord.

We are told that at the age of 12 He was found in the Temple questioning and discoursing with the scribes! And He said to His parents later: *"...Wist ye not that I must be about*

My Father's business? (Lk. 2:49) In other words, His work had then commenced. To THAT time we add the full measure of His Word. This yields 1912-13 (or one year later according to the Great Pyramid). Now bear in mind that "as soon as the fruit is brought forth, IMMEDIATELY He thrusts in the sickle, for, THE HARVEST IS COME!" And the measure of 1900 years is the consummation of the fruit. But manifestly, His work of the ingathering is not accomplished in the flash of a moment! Forty years did he bear with the follies of Israel in the wilderness FROM THE TIME THAT HE COMMENCED until He brought them into the promised land. So rightly may we expect at least a similar period in His dealing with His people now, plus an added measure to judge the nations.

Look back then to 1913-14. In the year 1913 we saw the unrest, foment and war within the Balkan states, alerting the nations, preparing them for the FIRST World War, opening in 1914. An even 1900 years previously He had commenced preaching and extolling the Living Word. And right on scheduled time did His sickle plunge in commencement of the HARVEST. (We must bear in mind that the 'harvest' has several phases, and at least TWO major parts: first the 'gathering of the tares', preparing them for the fire, THEN comes the ingathering of the wheat into His barns.)

At the age of 30 (18 years later) He commenced to preach the Word in Power, manifesting Himself unto Israel. And 18 years later in modern times? We find that a tentacle of the Communist octopus enslaved the people of outer Mongolia; in the west we saw the arising of the NATIONAL 'false prophet' in the person of Adolph Hitler, bringing to world consciousness POWER-POLITICS for the first time! 1914 + 18 = 1932: THAT was when the National False Prophet started churning the emotions of his people, laying the groundwork for his subsequent election to power and the RE-arming of Germany.

Back to the Galilean: three and half years did He preach

the Word in POWER; similarly do we find that approximate measure of maniacal screaming following 1932 to excite the peoples and incite them to war! Precisely 1900 years and a few months from the Cross on Calvary (Pyramid chronology) commenced in earnest the crucifixion of the world "upon its cross of iron." THEN opened the civil war in Spain, abetted by the world Dictatorships (or WOULD-BE world dictators).

For about 12 years following Calvary's Cross did the Holy Spirit proclaim the Word until he opened the Church unto the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (Pyramid chronology). And 12 years later in modern times? Again His Holy Spirit was at work in a crucial phase of the HARVEST-work: war and the spirit of persecution had decimated His chosen people and sent them streaming back to the Holy Land. And precisely on scheduled time (1900 years from the house of Cornelius: Pyramid chronology) had the Gentiles EVACUATED sufficient of the Chosen Seed for them to declare themselves a NATION again in Palestine!

It was mid-May 1948; a nation had been born – that all the world might see the mighty hand of God, and with what marvelous precision His works are executed on scheduled time! Therein we see the PREPARATION for the final phase of the GREAT HARVEST in the near offing. For, it is imperative that the Chosen SEED be in Palestine before the era can close; before the harvest can complete. They MUST be there in order that 'Martha and Mary' may meet Him just outside the City when He comes to RE-awaken Lazarus (Jewry). They MUST be there because Esau was born BEFORE Jacob (Esau is the earthly house of Isaac, while Jacob is the spiritual house of Isaac); and they MUST be there when the King of kings returns to earth, for His people must be there to receive Him, even though their remnant-number be few! They MUST be there in order to say ***"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 23:39).***

What a GLORY-edge is that second edge of His sword!

How could the rankest Thomas ever behold it and still doubt? How can the Christian view it and still live in apathy?

The Shortening

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. ...But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Matthew 24:21-22; 37

In these days of the Atomic Age, and man's mania to rule over others, it seems quite understandable that when the time of titanic conflict comes, tribulation for peoples involved may truly take on immense proportions. And we see by the portent of His Word above that He foresaw an UNPRECEDENTED tribulation of the most violent nature! He stood in dismay – as it were – viewing the wholesale slaughter spreading over the entire surface of the earth, beholding the colossal magnitude of the destructive forces used. But a "remnant were to be saved." THEREFORE must the time of the remaining Age) BE CUT SHORT!. . .

Today as we rationally view the situation, we realize that when the power of the atom ("the powers of heaven") commences to be released by participants on both sides in the struggle, it does not seem hard to believe that the life of all flesh shall be in danger of extinction. No longer ago than 1944 that Scripture appeared like a far-fetched exaggeration. But now that the very power of the universe is in the hands of selfish and unscrupulous men (who will not hesitate to use it for their own interests), who dares to say that the extinction of all life is not a very real and dangerous possibility? (Even the greatest of modern physicists – Albert Einstein – was quoted as saying that he would not commit himself about the 3rd World War, but that he would on the one following: "that it would be fought with stones and clubs"!)

The Master's eye scanned the vista of ages unborn, and spoke of these very days! He saw the turmoil of our time and beheld the stark peril besetting a civilization which is forgetting God. To the insane folly of our age, God has been outclassed by "hewn-out cisterns which hold no water"! *(See Jer. 2:13.)*

Yet, after the manner of an infinite love, He computed the limit of our range of survival, and drew up the Grand Master-Strategy accordingly. The Scriptures state:

> ***"...He will finish the work*** (close the ACCOUNT) ***and cut it SHORT in righteousness...."***
>
> ***Romans 9:28***

In this case, as in others, His Word gives us the KEY. For, He has shown us how much OPERATION SHORTENING He is going to lop off, and from what; not only in one place but in several; not only from one perspective but from two! For, He has seen to that the ***"scribe instructed unto the Kingdom" (Matt. 13:52)*** is not to be left in darkness concerning the Inspired Word and the TIMES of this dispensation.

As our Lord sat upon the mount of Olives with the disciples, they asked Him concerning the signs of the times and the signs of His return. And the outstanding theme of His lengthy discourse is that of His eventual return and His CALLING OUT THE BRIDE that the Kingdom may be set up. For, assuredly, the Kingdom is not to be reigned over by a 'bachelor"! His own very Word declared ***"that it is not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18)***; therefore shall the 'Kingdom' be ruled over by ***"the household of God."***

With this thought (the BRIDE) in mind, we find the KEYS to the 'shortening' in the Old Testament in that narrative dealing with the same event in type. In ***Genesis 24*** we see where Abraham sent his eldest servant to search out a bride for Isaac. And he was to bring her back! As likely every reader knows, the servant went under Divine guidance and returned with Rebekah, who became the bride of Isaac. But it isn't so

likely that every reader is aware of the prophetic portent of that which is recorded while Rebekah was still in her father's house before leaving with the servant, and her time of departure was being considered:

> ***"And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, ...send me away that I may go to my master."***
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> ***Genesis 24:55-56***

As Rebekah's departure with the servant to go unto Isaac was a type of the CHURCH being taken out of the world by the Holy Spirit, so dies the wish of her brother and mother that she should tarry ten days point to a 10-day period (prophetically 10 years) in the latter days which becomes the TIME CUT OFF as she is hastened away by the hand of the Holy Spirit.

Who is the brother and mother of the latter-day Rebekah? In the raising of Lazarus we have seen that world Jewry is considered as the brother unto the Church. And who is her mother? Zion! For the organized, worldly church has nourished and is to bring forth the SPIRITUAL BRIDE (or man-child). Thus we see that the organized church – in the day of the Rapture of the saints – shall find herself wishing that they might have continued another ten years! Why? Presumably in order that the evangelization of the world might have been more thorough. And why should world Jewry find themselves wishing that she might have been detained another ten years? In order that their new-founded State might have become more solidly entrenched ere 'the salt of the earth' was taken away, throwing them – and the world – into a state of confusion, and leaving them without any savior.'

The same truth is shown us in ***II Kings 20:8-11*** and ***Isaiah 38:***

> ***"And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah: 'What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the***

house of the Lord the third day'?"

This Scripture is a beautiful allusion to the Church going up into the House of the Lord as she meets Him in the air on the 3rd day.

The illness of king Hezekiah has been set at 712 B.C. Therefore the 3rd day (3rd 1000 year period) from that time measures from near the close of the 13th, to the end of the 23rd century!

The king was healed of his illness, but the precise time he went up into the Lord's house we are not told. However, it seems reasonable to suppose that he did not wait very long on the 3rd day, but went to worship in the spirit of thanksgiving, perhaps mid-morning. IF so, that hour of the day (near 10 a.m.) would equate to the middle of the present century! But since that is conjecture, we can attach no importance to it, although it is of interest to observe how it is in agreement with the balance of revealed prophecy. However, it is not conjecture that the sign given unto the king was that the shadow in the sundial of Ahaz went backwards 10°!

Since the motion of the Sun – as measured on the celestial equator – approximates one degree per day, then

1° = 1 day, or prophetically, 1 year.

Therefore, the recession of 10° becomes prophetic of a 10-year period cut off!

It was to be in the Sundial of Ahaz. The name means "possessor." It is believed to have been shortened from "Ahaziah," which means "Jehovah seizes or takes possession."

And THAT is precisely what every believing Christian awaits: that the Lord shall SEIZE or take His possession: the ***"purchased possession" (Eph. 1:14).***

Is a sundial any good without the sunshine? Or His Church effective without the Light – which is Christ? Is not its marker a true vertical, pointing to Heaven? Is not there the resi-

dence of the Churches' Standard? As the Sundial was then the time-marker, so is now His Church THAT which determines the era of prophetic time. For, when the Church is taken out of the world, the angel lifts his right hand to heaven and swears by the Living God that there shall be ***"TIME NO LONGER"!*** (See ***Rev. 10:5-6.***) And the sign was given in the Sundial of Ahaz unto king Hezekiah who was healed and went up into the Lord's House on the 3rd day! And the Divine strategy calls for 10 years to be cut off the full measure. But cut off from what?

The more we study the ways of God the more overwhelmingly apparent does it become that HIS WAYS ARE EQUAL, ***(Ezek. 18:29)***. Therefore, as he allotted a measure of time to the generations of Adam which were destroyed in the flood, so has He granted the SAME PRECISION MEASURE of time to the Gentile nations of this dispensation!

Adam – as the son of God – informed his descendants of the Truth pertaining to the Ever-living One. But they followed the "imagination of their own hearts," and perished in the flood-waters of Noah. The record shows that their span of time was near an even 1656 years unto the Deluge. *[And we could here add the prophetic period of '40' for the testing, as symbolized by the 40 days and nights of rainfall. – Ed.]*

The post-deluvian world was fathered by Noah, Patriarch of the Gentiles. Then came the 'second Adam' who also ministered the Truth of the Ever-living One unto the Chosen People. Yet they likewise would not have Him or know Him, but followed "the imagination of their own hearts." But about 3 centuries later the Gentiles received Him!

It is not for us to set the precise year and day that the Truth of God, and His plan for man, became fully known unto the Gentile descendants of Noah, as viewed by the Almighty. Nevertheless, we may safely assume that the all-important moment was not far off the years wherein the decree of the Emperors Constantine and Galerius proclaimed Christianity as their State religion. Such people then – under the

World Power – who had not heard the Gospel of Christ, undoubtedly learned of it shortly. The years of that proclamation must therefore constitute a very close guide as to the commencement of the dispensation of Grace for the Gentiles. Thus:

311 A.D.	– Decree –	313 A.D.
+ 1656	– years –	+ 1656
1967 A.D.		1969 A.D.
+ 40	days prophetic of years	+ 40
2007		2009
- 10	– shortening –	- 10
1997 A.D.		1999 A.D.

(Or one year later in either instance according to the Pyramid chronology.) The above figures demonstrate how, according to the revealed ACTS of God, and His own decree "practice of EQUALITY," He was bound to give the present Christian Gentiles a span of time. But our Lord said that THAT time should be shortened for the sake of the Elect. And the shortening pertaining to the Elect (Rebekah, His Bride) has been demonstrated in two instances to be an even 10 years. Therefore may we with great Assurance look to the present years as being the approximate termination of the present Gentile and Christian dispensation.

But that is not all! More often than not His inspired Work permits a second approach, that through a cross-check where one verifies the other, we may be perfectly silenced before the awesome majesty of His WISDOM AND POWER.

Thus, from the second perspective, we look again at His Words and behold where he says that He will SHORTEN, or CLOSE the 'account'. (Although rendered 'work' in the A.V., its more correct translation yields 'account' or 'accounting'. Even more, there is the implication of 'a very precise' accounting.) Therefore, as we know He is speaking of TIME, and see wherein He shall compute the years and days with minute care, and "CLOSE UP THE ACCOUNT in righteousness," we KNOW that THAT accounting MUST be mathemati-

cally true, and CONFORMED to His 'righteousness'.

Readers familiar with *THE GREAT PYRAMID SPEAKS* (by this author and available from Shepherdsfield) will recall how the number of 5.242+ has been demonstrated to be the "increment of sin," or that which was added to the earth's orbit due to DISOBEDIENCE entering into the heart of His creation; that, 360 days constitute the true and original SIN-FREE orbit of the earth. Therefore, when He says that He shall make a careful computation to balance the account and close it up in RIGHTEOUSNESS, we realize immediately that where His 'Elect' are involved, He will compute the years on the basis of 360-day years (the RIGHTEOUSNESS-orbit) for all of that time wherein the amount of 'righteousness' He required of them was being manifested. . . . Of course, it becomes extremely difficult – if not entirely impossible – for us at this late date to ACCURATELY segregate the different epochs and periods of time of 'righteousness' and of 'sin'.

Therefore, there is no intention here to PINPOINT the SUPREME moment in God's timetable for this generation; nevertheless it is abundantly manifest through a synchronism of prophetic measures that NOW IS THE TIME!

Although the writer will not here dogmatically assert that certain EVENTS constitute particular antitypical 'signs', nevertheless it is of outstanding interest to observe that the TWO GREATEST EVENTS of modern history took place in 1945 and in 1948. The first saw the release of "the powers of heaven" when the A-bomb jarred the world; the second was the regathering of Israel to become a nation. Therefore, as Hezekiah was given a 10° sign that he was to go up into the House of the Lord on the 3rd day, it does not seem unreasonable to suppose that this generation may also be given (or have been given) a 10° (10 years) SIGN! Perhaps other more phenomenal signs are coming, but as the writer views it, there can be no forthcoming signs more peculiarly applicable than the two just cited.

Maybe the Master-Strategist has hidden something we can-

not discern at this particular moment, but this much is abundantly clear: He left no stone unturned to force upon this generation the urgent warning:

WATCH, and be ye ready,

for NOW IS THE TIME!

Shall He find you clothed and watching? And the fragrance of prayer ascend to meet Him? Will the door open wide 'ere He leans to the knocking as your heart throbs in joy to greet Him?

Grant it, Lord. . . .

Chapter 11

Jacob–Israel

Let us now turn our attention to a somewhat different phase of God's PROPHETIC Pattern, and view – in a measure– the maze of prophecies He has wrought for us through ***Jacob-Israel.***

We find in ***Genesis 32*** to ***35:21*** the principal factors for our consideration, dealing with the prophetic portent for this closing age. In the interests of brevity, all factors cannot be detailed as they should; nevertheless, enough will be highlighted to fully demonstrate more of the wondrous wisdom of our God and Savior, Who all things ordained marvelously!

Back through the ages, students of Scripture have glimpsed minor portions of TRUTH: elated at their FIND they have slammed the door in the face of His Holy Spirit, concluding that ALL had been given them to know! And THAT is still the great mistake made by His servants, that having grasped one Truth – or perspective of God's manifestation to man – be it by Type, Miracle, or Parable – the immediate conclusion is that God's truth has been assimilated in its fullness as pertains to that matter.

Down through the ages this has been the rut of ignorance and half-truths into which so many have stumbled, and still do. BUT GOD IS TOO GREAT TO BE CONFINED! His Truths are too vast to be circumscribed! For, His manifesta-

tions are like unto a prism which REFLECTS the changing color in light, and its interblending beauty, varying with the angle of light received, yet all true to and a portion of the THREE BASIC PRIMARIES: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! As our desire grows to know more of God, as we yearn for the rapturous beauty of His treasures both *New* and *Old*, we must learn to ever pray: "Lord, ever increase our understanding that more of yours may be ours to view. . . ." If, then, we are not blinded by conceit, but in humbleness look and listen for the "still small voice," we shall learn more and more the veritable Truth of the promise through the Psalmist:

> ***"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will SHOW them His covenant."***
>
> ***Psalm 25:14***

The secret of the Lord is with those who stand in AWE of His wondrous wisdom and majestic power; and unto such will He SHOW or reveal the 'secrets' of 'His covenant'. Therein have we a bold declaration that there are MYSTERIES veiled from the carnal eye, which He shall manifest unto the humble who believe in the ENDLESSNESS of His Might and Wisdom!

Our first perspective and the principal one is that of Jacob and the Israel people in a worldly sense.

JACOB is the 'supplanter' or Replacer who served his maternal uncle 20 years. For 2 wives he labored 2 x 7, and for stock 6 years. In the meanwhile, 11 sons and 1 daughter had been born to him (in Padan-Aram), but when he realized that his uncle and cousins did not look with favor upon his fast growing riches, he concluded to flee back to the land of his father, and the elder brother. At the ford Jabbok he wrestled all night with 'an angel', who changed his name to 'Isra-el'. But since the might of Jacob was great, the angel found it expedient to touch a sinew in his thigh, causing it to shrink. And we are told that as he passed over Penuel, "the sun rose upon him and he halted upon his thigh."

Twenty years earlier he had wanted the blessing of the firstborn, Esau. Through subterfuge, and the connivance of his mother, he secured it. BUT IT ENTAILED A PRICE TO BE PAID! Through 20 grueling years he had withstood the heat of day and the cold of night, bearing full responsibility for everything unto Laban. And now that he was returning, he trembled with fear of what Esau might do unto him! Therefore, in the intensity of prayer did he struggle with God through the night, and, being heard, he received the visitation of a special 'messenger' (translated 'angel'). Jacob had bought the 'birthright' from his elder brother when Esau was weary and faint from hunger; and later his mother had contrived to secure the BLESSING of the aged Isaac: this she wanted for Jacob – her favorite son. . . .

Now Jacob was in a peculiar 'fix'! He had left Padan-Aram, fleeing from his uncle, and was about to return to Canaan where lived Esau whom he had outsmarted! So now with the messenger of God before him, Jacob would not relent unless and until the messenger would bestow upon him the SPIRIT-BLESSING of Yahweh. But as a "Prince of God" he found favor, and by the dawning, he had secured the coveted blessing and A NEW NAME.

Before we enter into a deeper study of these basic prophetic factors, it may be well to take a closer look at the 'supplanter'.

We are told that God planted a garden in Eden, in which He placed the man whom He had fashioned from the elements of earth; He also gave him a woman for a companion.... Momentarily it is not important whether we believe this to have taken place literally or only figuratively; for, the fact remains that the man was EXPELLED, resulting in a long and suffering-fraught path 'ere his steps can homeward lead. THUS began the story of the FIRST 'birthright' sold out by the 'first Adam'. The story of Esau-Jacob is but a recounting of the selfsame episode, which God has chosen to Re-enact in drama before the eyes of the world through a chosen

people, showing the WHYs of 'the fall' and the tortuous path man must travel to Re-enter his lost estate, made possible through the 'second Adam' Who purchased man's redemption.

Again, much later, came another LIBERATION from bondage in Egypt, with a "land of milk and honey" awaiting them in Canaan. But the seed of Jacob which was liberated was FEARFUL, walking in the steps of Esau: selling out their 'birthright' to their descendants (or younger brother).... A few centuries later, Israel had grown fat and wanton. Certain fruits had been forbidden them, but these their lustful soul did crave. The story repeated! They were driven out from the 'garden' God had given them, and a furbished sword prevented their Re-entry (at the time).

Then later again came the 'second Adam' Who would have restored their glory and added much to it, but the weight of THAT Spiritual colossus in their midst was too great for them to enthrone! Therefore, they hung Him on a tree, thinking the 'kingdom' would then be theirs (to securely retain), after the fashion they desired it. BUT AGAIN THE STORY REPEATED! For the fruit they plucked was off the tree of "Knowledge of good and evil"; it was the "mess of pottage" when weary from the hunt; it was the 'flesh pots in Egypt' which they thought would satisfy; yes, it was their 'gods of this and that' they worshiped instead of The TRUE and Ever-Living God! And the result? The same as of old! They were driven out again and a glittering sword kept guard lest they should re-enter (prematurely)!

JACOB IS ALL OF THESE! He and his seed have "sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind" (see ***Hos. 8:7***). He was the offspring of the first son of promise (Isaac). In every instance he and his seed have sold out their chance – Divinely given – with the tragic consequence of being driven out to earn their bread in the sweat of their face, with the earth yielding them thorns!... Time and again the story REPEATED unto Jacob and his seed! (And yet the 'theologians'

raise their hands in righteous horror[!] at what they painfully term a 'second chance'!)

JACOB IS HE WHO SELLS OUT! AND ALSO HE WHO BUYS THE OTHER'S BIRTHRIGHT!

Don't forget that Esau and Jacob were *TWIN* brothers. To their father Isaac they were TWO, but symbolically and prophetically to posterity, they are ONE (family).

Though we may trace the posterity of Esau also, and conclude that certain important events may be due as involving the TWO strains of people, yet we are here concerned with the spiritual significance of Jacob-Israel. And that is, that present-day world Jewry is the seed of Jacob, but SYMBOLICALLY they have been, are, and shall fulfill, the lot of ESAU! *For the twain are one!*

We see, then, that although the House of Jacob has SOLD OUT and lost out on its birthright as prefigured by Esau's losing to Jacob, we know that Jacob will also come into the full possession of it. This is the kernel of the episode we are now considering, which comes near its consummation at *PENUEL*. As the son of Rebekah (Rebekah whose face was veiled) so has the life and destiny of Jacob-Israel been shrouded in mystery until the time that Isaac lifts her veil, just prior to taking her into his mother's tent.

Many subdivisions could be made, but we find two main chapters in the history of Judah-Israel. The first covers about 19½ centuries from the birth of Isaac unto the time of their Messiah.

Basically, this span of time is typified by ESAU, whose the birthright was, but who never entered into it! Figuratively, he sold it to Jacob (the Replacer) – his second self – at the time of Christ. Then commenced the second, or Jacob-phase of their world history. Shortly thereafter we find him with his maternal uncle in Padan-Aram, struggling to become a 'household' and a possessor of property. The 2 wives for whom he toiled 2 x 7 years, portray national SOUL-QUALI-

TIES – engendered though struggles and suffering – typified by Leah and Rachel.

In a material sense, Padan-Aram is the symbolic picture made clear. Rebekah – his mother – who grew up in the 'field of the heights' of this world, transmits, and bespeaks her maternal instincts of PRIDE, OF EGO, AMBITION and WORLDLINESS. Thus was Jacob never humble enough for Canaan and the required ways of God – that he might remain in the chosen land. THAT is the meaning of his mother advising him to go to Padan-Aram and to her 'father's house'. And so he did! And there he has been ever since! For, it has not been a part of Jacob's intrinsic quality to accept a small and humble lot in this world, but he has ever chosen to go to the rich, green fields (Padan) of the EMINENT ones (Aram) of this world. And although a small people, yet have they become eminent in this world of the HIGH ones (Padan-Aram). And like unto his blessing in the fields of Laban, so have they prospered abundantly in the lush fields of the worldly well-to-do.

The master whom he served was Laban, which means 'white'. Let us not forget that like the word 'Adam', 'Esau' links up with the color RED, as does the 'land of Edom'. There is also the connotation of 'hairy and rugged'.

In a SPIRITUAL sense, white is very desirable, but from a material perspective, it is far from the first or most important.

The 'WHITE' (Laban) in this world, or field (Padan) of the high and mighty ones (Aram), are those who live through the toil of others. While the 'rugged and red' are the 'Esaus' in the land of Edom's toil who labor and give their lifeblood, by means of which others live at ease in the fine apparel and mansions great.

Christ demonstrated the fullness of the 'red' connotation of Adam, in that He shed His very blood that we might have LIFE – everlastingly. And this too was an antitypical fulfill-

ment of the first Adam's choice in that he voluntarily partook, or took upon himself the guilt of Eve, that he might also enter into her lot; to be her shield and strength, and the co-progenitor of a New life – even though that meant going out from the presence of God and becoming subject to death.

With these key thoughts in mind we come back to world Jewry since the time of Christ. We find them here and there – in Padan-Aram – struggling to earn the full right to 'Rachel' and 'Leah'. The former means a 'ewe' and also 'a journey', while Leah is 'weariness' (of soul). As it takes a ewe to mother a lamb, so does Rachel typify that soul-quality which engenders true humbleness and longsuffering. The 'journey' phase of her name is that journey back home: when the prodigal son comes to himself and decides to return unto his father's house.

We are told that Jacob loved Rachel and desired to have her. So has the basic soul of Israel yearned for that which would make him meek enough to enter into his father's blessing. But as Laban slipped one over on him, by giving him Leah first, so did the high princes of the world make Jacob supremely weary during the first 700 years of this era. WEARINESS of soul – weariness of all things of this world – with its deceptive illusions – is also a NEEDED quality; yes, a PRIMARY quality which TURNS the pilgrim homeward bound!

Rachel – the ewe – is younger than her sister Leah. And Laban said that it wasn't proper to give the younger before the older. Which is but another way of bespeaking a Spiritual Truth, not only as applies to the Jews but all of mankind. When we are young and full of ambition, we look to the HEIGHTS of this world. And when our period of TESTING through toil nears its end, we find that much of the pleasant fruit has 'soured'. Thus is WEARINESS of soul FIRST engendered, which, when lived with a week (another 7), gives way unto patience, humbleness and longsuffering (Rachel), leading to the 'journey' back home.

We are told that Rachel was beautiful, but by implication,

Leah was not. Neither is WEARINESS of soul anything beautiful, although it can be the prelude to the taking on of that which is beautiful (Rachel). But Leah was 'tender-eyed'. Even so to the soul who has fully WEARIED with the Padan-Arams of this world: little things are no longer noticed, and even the bigger things take on the appearance of smallness, and lack importance(!) – even as Isaac was almost blind to the outer world, but fully awake to the beauty and reality of the world of Spirit. Thus likewise the fully WEARIED soul has weak and tender eyes as concerns the things of this world, yearning principally for a true union with Spirit, even as Leah yearned for her husband to live with her. . . . Yet, God would not that WEARINESS of soul (Leah) should be despised, for this state of soul is FRUITFUL, and capable of bringing forth a great many full-blown VIRTUES (sons), and even a righteous, self-appraisal (judgment), typified by a daughter: Dinah.

But Rachel is beautiful! So indeed is the SOUL in the sight of Spirit which has acquired humbleness and patience through longsuffering. And this blessed soul-quality also engenders VIRTUES, or sons as Rachel did bear. The first and chief of these is Joseph, which means 'add', or, "another shall be Added" or given me. It is SPIRITUAL *fruitfulness* which links with the 'supplanter' phase of Jacob's name. It alluded to the OTHER WHO SHOULD COME, or take the place. Thus, when patience and humbleness have wrought their full work through endurance, a 'fruitful' branch (Joseph) is brought forth which is quickly 'followed by another'. This is the promise; this is the COVENANT; this is the BIRTHRIGHT BLESSING which leads to Benjamin: "son of my right hand" – the spiritual heritage EARNED which *establishes* its possessor in the land of Promise, in full possession of the birthright!

During the last 6 (600) years of Jacob in Padan-Aram, we find how realistically he has fulfilled the antitypical picture. Though Laban's covenant has been changed time and again with Jacob with regards to his dues, yet Jacob-Israel has out-

they! He has gotten himself so much possession that in grim reality he has seen the "face of Laban changed towards him".... And how! . . . So, after much crying to God, he communed with the weariness of his soul (Leah), and the long-suffering in his national heart (Rachel), and decided to steal back to his father's house, and face his brother Esau in the land of Edom. Is not the evidence abundant over the last few decades, that Jacob had wearied exceedingly with the Labans of this world's Padan-Arams, and learned to fear them? And has his soul not communed with Leah and Rachel (weariness of the world and patience to endure), concluding that he would pay the price in qualities 'red and rugged' to be Reunited with his brother in the land of Edom?[1]

Hence their long trek and untold suffering that Israel might again possess their homeland, and enter the full possession of their purchased birthright!

In harmony with the principle of the "last shall be the first," we take the prophetic factors of Jacob-Israel's full life, applying them to the present, that we may see the fulness of Truth and beauty manifest by the Ever-Living, Whose hand has permitted the enactment of no error!

Now the salient factors involved for the prophetic measure are: Israel's 'supplanter' – phase of existence as com-

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[1] Perhaps it would help to clarify the matter with reference to 'Jacob' going back to meet and be reunited with his brother 'Esau' in Canaan, by pointing out the basic symbolism: 'Jacob' as present-day world Jewry; 'Esau' – not as another people – but as the self-same "house of Isaac" in its more materialistic phase. Hence the anguish of Jacob's soul at the dread of meeting his 'brother'. JEWRY indeed was in mighty anguish as they humbled themselves and wrestled with God; humbling themselves, sending lavish 'presents', and getting reconciled to the idea of sacrifice and of bending their back to the TOIL (the 'rugged' phase of Esau's name) of repossessing and rebuilding their homeland. . . . Presumably the 'gift' of livestock which Jacob sent ahead unto Esau, constitutes a prophetic measure. But since we have little – if any – precedent to establish the 'measure' for such, we are not justified to compute it.

sure are: Israel's 'supplanter' – phase of existence as commencing at the time of Calvary's Cross. And the full age of Jacob as being 147 years, the last 17 of which were spent in Egypt. And Israel's sojourn in Egypt as being 430 years *(Ex. 12:40-41)*, or 413 years beyond the death of Jacob. . . . Bear in mind that the age of JACOB must be multiplied by 10 to make it prophetic for this own nation, or descendants. . . .

Thus:

35 A.D. as commencing Replacer phase
(Pyramid chronology)
1470 (Jacob's 147 x 10)
+ 413 (YEARS IN Egypt AFTER Jacob's death)
1918 A.D. (As antitypical measure to Exodus)
+ 40 years in "wilderness"
1958 A.D.
- 10 of shortening or time cut short (see prev. chapter)
1948 A.D. = rebirth of Israel as a nation

In the previous installment, we observed how 10 years was the period indicated to be 'CUT SHORT', or the time of clemency gained through an adjustment of the difference in two time factors. With this thought in mind, it becomes of startling interest to observe that a 10 year period off the above measure saw the precision time for the earthly and primary restoration to the land of their fathers! (And there shall they now remain: make no mistake about it!)

As yet, we cannot say what Israel's Great Guide has in store for them in the future, but we do know that the first phase of the above prophetic measure found its correct national fulfillment in 1918. THAT was the year of the Balfour Declaration and Judah-Israel's COMMENCEMENT OF NATIONAL EXODUS from the various Gentile nations (Egypt) throughout the world!

In our midst today we have a people with an inflated national ego, who loudly proclaim that the Jews are NOT Israel, and are but momentarily usurpers in Palestine who shall

the writer's interest, but since so many are 'taken in' by such fallacies, it seems only right that certain factors of God's PROPHETIC EVIDENCE should be stressed, that TRUTH may remain unsullied.

Consider, then, the prophetic measure on the preceding page, the factors of which measured precisely to 1918. And THAT was the year that the JEWS – NOT the English and the Americans – commenced their trek back to Palestine, and whose carcasses have fallen in the wilderness ever since! It is THEY who are today a limping, 'halting *remnant'* which is being gathered OUT OF the nations of the world and restored to Palestine. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE whose recent history has fulfilled numerous prophecies: thereby does the second edge of His sword declare THEM to be *THE people.*

Shall we yet look again to the shimmering edge of TRUTH'S revealing sword? Or shall we "limit the Holy One of Israel"? Should we conclude – contrary to His word – that He has hidden from Abraham' the things He would do unto him? Or should we suppose that His hand is shortened that it is not able to enact in national drama the silhouette of ages to come? Yet His Word declares:

LOOK AND LIVE!

Look back then to the prophetic portent of Rachel's two sons which she bore unto Jacob. Already you have seen by word-meanings how Joseph was that of Spiritual fruitfulness: yes the VERY COVENANT *that another should be ADDED;* even that son to be BORN OF THE *SPIRIT!* For THAT is the significance of the prophet Jacob saying: "Benjamin" ("the son of my RIGHT hand!"). His mother had called out: "Ben-Oni" ("the son of my sorrow"), and that too was true, for she was speaking of Jacob's SOUL who had grown weary with toil, and was even now "passing through the valley of the shadow of death."

Therefore, as Joseph was the *sign* of that spiritual covenant which Jewry has repeatedly missed, and still looking forward to, so can we accept him (Joseph) as that prophetic SIGN

unto national Jacob. We have then but to consider the END OF HIS DAYS, for, he was a shepherd unto Israel in the days of their early bondage in Egypt. And his coming and ministry was prophetic of THE One which should be added unto them: even The One born of the Spirit!

Said the Christ:

"Except a man be born of water and OF THE SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

John 3:5

Judah now hopes to enter THAT Kingdom.

Since the story of Isaac's House is so rich and overflowing in Symbology and in Prophecy (though here given in detached fragments), perhaps it might be well to review and restate certain portions, that a clearer perspective may be enjoyed by every reader.

First as to Jacob's mother who conceived a deceptive scheme to bring about Jacob's blessing. Viewed materialistically, and by man's standards of right and wrong, her part was mildly scandalous! YET IT HAD TO BE SO! For, Esau typifies the first, or 'man of earth', while Jacob as the Replacer is the NEW-BORN of the Spirit! Since "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, it became IMPERATIVE that Jacob should receive the SPIRIT-BLESSING to correctly portray THAT Truth in God's Plan! And again the incident of Isaac being almost blind, that he could not visually discern between Esau and Jacob, is but another perspective of the same Truth. For, Isaac portrays Christ, Who thereby is represented to be virtually blind (to the physical appearance of the EARTHLY man), that the true SPIRIT-blessing might be fully bestowed upon the one DESERVING (THE one "born of the Spirit," whom 'Jacob' typifies).

Esau – Jacob – Israel

As to earthly posterity, Esau and Jacob are TWO separate

strains of people. But SYMBOLICALLY, they show us the multiple phases of the HOUSE OF ISAAC, or the peoples which shall inherit the Heavenly Kingdom, and those for the Earth-based kingdom. . . .

Since Jacob bought the birthright, and later secured the blessing, his descendants shall inherit the "land of their fathers." But Esau, his lot and blessing, portray (with reference to Isaac's EARTHLY Kingdom-people), the path, and that lot of destiny for earthly Jacob PREVIOUS to the time or Calvary's Cross. At THAT time the earthly House of Isaac (Esau) SOLD ITS BIRTHRIGHT to the Spiritual House of Isaac (Jacob). And, as Jacob the Replacer was also given a second name by the Messenger of God, so does that portray TWO phases (or peoples) in the Replacer category.

The first of these is the earthly Jacob-Supplanter who stands for the earthly House of Isaac who SHALL inherit the earth-based Kingdom; while the second phase of the Supplanter as shown us by the name changed to "ISRAEL" bespeaks the Spirit-born people who shall inherit the HEAVENLY-Kingdom! Thus is Jacob in Padan-Aram, world Jewry from the time of the Cross until they RE-enter Canaan and receive the earth-based Kingdom. But simultaneously shall the Spirit-born people ('Israel') enter their Kingdom: the HEAVENLY Kingdom! . . .

And in the story of Jacob-Israel who abode such a short time in Canaan after returning from Padan-Aram, going into Egypt and finally delivered under the hand of Moses-Aaron, we see how God has DRAMATIZED that portion of His Plan which deals with those 'BORN OF SPIRIT', commencing at Pentecost in 'the upper room', and terminating at the awaited 'rapture of the Saints'.

Chapter 12

A Prophet in Death

In the *6th chapter* of *Mark*'s Gospel, we read of Jesus feeding and satisfying a vast multitude of people by what was originally a little basketful of bread and some fish. Then immediately He sent the people away and commanded His disciples to get into a boat to cross to the other side. But the wind was contrary and they labored hard to inch against the head-wind. Toward morning Jesus came walking upon the crest of the storm-tossed sea. When they saw Him, they were stricken with fear, finding it easier to believe they were viewing a ghost than that it could actually be their Lord! And after He had spoken to them and entered into the boat, they ***"...were sore amazed...beyond measure, and wondered...considering not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."***

Similarly it appears to the writer to be at this day! Avowed Christians will readily concede that Jesus fed a vast multitude with very little; and that He raised Lazarus from the dead after 4 days of interment. But like unto the disciples then, immediately "their heart is hardened" to such extent that they find it easier to believe they see but an apparition (rather than the FACTUAL TRUTH) when it is laid before them: that our Lord was great enough to VEIL PROPHECY and TO SPEAK TO US OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN *in and through the Parables He spoke and through mighty miracles wrought in compassion!* The disciples "took it in their

pace" when His spoken Word multiplied the food of a light hamper to yield about 10 tons of food IMMEDIATELY as it passed from hand to hand, but when He came walking upon the water they would rather cry out in fear! When He restored to LIFE and normalcy 3 persons who had been dead, THAT was but apart of His great work, but when He foretold them that *He* would be killed and RISE FROM THE DEAD, *that* was incredible! And when trustworthy friends told Thomas that the Lord '*IS* RISEN', he found it easier to believe his friends either liars or the victims of hallucination, rather than to believe that God could, and had, brought Jesus back to life!

Such utterly Unreasonable *'hardness of heart'!* And *that* stalks our very land even unto this day! Were it not so, SPIRITUAL TREASURES should long since have been laid bare to the gaze of the multitudes! And when Paul writes, saying that the children Abraham had by Sarah and Hagar "is an allegory," denoting the 2 covenants, THAT they will piously concede, but IMMEDIATELY "their heart is hardened" so that the door is banged shut to further light! And when a messenger is sent with a vision to declare a PORTION of these hidden Spirit-treasures, there is but a handful who will believe! And even they – it would appear – question within themselves, saying: can ALL of this be truly so? And out of that handful who believe – in a measure – but a very small number will try to help to do anything about it. . . . Because "their heart is hardened"!

But HEAR this declaration, and God shall reward you according to your faith, or even according to the hardness of your heart! The day is fast approaching that it shall be 'revealed' in the Light that the written, literal word which has been received and preached down through the ages as being "THE Word of God," is but as that slight hamper of a few fish and bread which YIELDED TEN TONS! Similarly shall the recorded Word of God be shown (in the Light) *to yield infinitely more* than that which appears on the original surface! And that portion of His Word which may have appeared dead

4 days (4 days = 4000 years) shall be brought to LIFE that the multitudes may wonder! Even so it is declared that the INSPIRED and recorded Word shall – in THE light – yield treasure beyond the wildest dream of man! Therein shall be shown the veiled secret of nuclear fission; yes, and of sciences as yet untapped and unheard of. AGES shall come and pass, yet the ancient Word shall be found ultra-modern and far ahead of the day! And when THE Light has revealed the incredible, then shall "the half as yet not have been told"!... Therefore the imploration: *LET NOT YOUR HEART BE HARDENED*. . . what you have seen so far is but the beginning.

> ***"And Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, ...I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for WITH MY STAFF I HAVE PASSED OVER THIS JORDAN; and now I am become two bands."***
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> ***Genesis 32:9-10***

Returning to Jacob as he approached the ford Jabbok ***("this Jordan")***, we find an emphasis on the number TWO. The place where the 'angels' met him, he named 'Mahanaim' which means '*two* camps'. And a little later when he heard of Esau's coming to meet him, he divided his own company into 2 groups, strategically.

It could be that this sees its end-time fulfillment *in a spiritual way only*, but we should not be surprised to see a split in the national camp of Israel. For, in the mind of the Patriarch Jacob, the thought was of *saving a portion*. Then, should Esau come upon one band and smite it, the other band could escape!

Today, *as the conflict of the ages approaches*, students of prophecy have reason to believe that the fury of the battle will sooner or later center in Palestine. And as this writer sees the prophecies it appears highly probably that the nations of Islam (Ishmael-Esau) will bow to the Beast Dictatorship. Then we may

also witness a rift in Israel. Whether intentionally or unwittingly, the plan may again be to "save a portion" by having two camps in Israel" one for and one against Jerusalem. Then, whichever way the battle turns, a portion of Judah will be on the winning side! ...This seems to have been the vision of ancient Jacob....

But in any event, the prophetic words of Jacob shall fulfill, wherein he said: ***"with my staff I have passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands" (Gen. 32:10)***. In the final days of this age, those words shall be phenomenally fulfilled when the 144,000 of Israel cross Jordan (death) by the staff of Jacob (type of God's DELIVERANCE), while the other portion (camp) remains to enter the earth-based Kingdom. Then and therein do the "two bands" become reality!

Even an *entirely spiritual* fulfillment of his words shall be seen in the rapture of His Church which shall also go up in "two bands," separated by 3½ years in time. This doubling up of the "two" is shown us by "Mahanaim" and a little later by the two bands of Jacob.

Jacob's Factual Shortening

Our next prophetic consideration of Jacob's life is based on his struggle with the angel, resulting in his thigh being out of joint through sinew shrinkage.

Let us reflect a moment at the natural and casual perspective: A man has a week's journey to make on foot. After 2 days he spends the night in a great struggle. As a result, the morning sun finds him limping with a permanent injury to his thigh. Therefore, in the 4 days that follow, will he travel as many miles as he would have done had he not met with the injury? . . . And when the Sabbath arrives, he needs must rest, and worship God. . . .

We know the answer! He will be a great many miles short of the originally planned destination!

This event in the life of the aging Patriarch is a beautiful illustration of 'Jacob's SHORTENING': how his journey to RE-enter Canaan is to be cut short! (See ***Mk. 13:20.***) For, Jacob's injury to his thigh was not through accident, but through the direct power of God as executed by one of His 'messengers'. Likewise in the end-time days: man's fury to destroy himself shall not be allowed to run its free course, neither be terminated by accident, but by and through the direct intervention of God Almighty when He shall come ***"in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (II Thess. 1:8).***

SIX days of creative manifestation constitute God's work-week. And we are told that 1000 years are but as a day unto the Lord ***(Ps. 90:4; II Pet. 3:8).*** Though authorities on chronology disagree, there seems to be a general belief that the end of the present century completes the first span of 6000 years since Adam's MORTALITY. This is corroborated in the Great Pyramid by the even distance of 6000 Pyramid inches completing from either 'O' A.P. to the perpendicular of the center of the Granite Leaf, measuring to the fall equinox of 2001 A.D.

Originally, then, Jacob's journey was to last unto the autumn of 2001 A.D., but because of a great intercession, and his father's blessing, he won a measure of clemency – but at the cost of much increased suffering as he limped upon a shortened thigh. Since time and distance are synonymous in the symbolic picture, we know that Jacob's inability to travel as far, portrayed the 'shortening' in time.

God is not governed by whims; neither is He haphazard in His ways. His very Being EXUDES Law, order and mathematics (placement). Therefore, Jacob's 'shortening' will be mathematically computed. And His method of computation is in harmony with the workings of the mighty Clockwork he has placed in the heavens. Therefore, unless otherwise indicated, His SHORTENING of time is computed on

the basis of the originally sin-free orbit of the earth – true to the 360° celestial equator – as compared to the present 365.242 day orbit. This, then, we consider in relationship to the time of Jacob. According to the Genesis chronology, the birth of Jacob was 2106 A.M., and he may have been about 98 years old when crossing Jabbok. That would yield 2204 A.M. for Jabbok, leaving 3796 years to go beyond Peniel. Therefore:

$$\frac{3796 \times 360}{365.242} = 3741.51 \text{ solar years as the balance left to go!}$$

2204 A.M. = Jacob at Peniel
+ 3741.5 solar years to go
5945.5 A.M. as END of limping journey

= Spring of 5946 A.M., which again computes to the spring of 1947 A.D. according to the Pyramid Chronology.

Here it should be pointed out that even though the previous figure for the time of Jabbok-Peniel might be many years in error, THAT will make no appreciable difference in the final figures. For, it is the 'shortening' which counts, rather than the year at Jabbok. The latter would only affect the final figure at the rate of 5¼ days per year of error. Hence, 5 to 12 years error for Jabbok would make a final difference of only 1 to 2 months.

Refer now to the preceding figures and see how limping Jacob's journey was scheduled to see its end in the spring of 1947 A.D.! The time and events are still fresh in memory. It is a PRECISION measure to the time that the sons of Jacob 'poured out' their substance and even life-blood before 'the face of God' ('Peniel'), that once more they might find rest in their homeland, reunited with Esau! ('Jabbok' means 'pouring out'.) And if we add to the foregoing the difference of the lessened shortening as computed from the time of Jacob's actual journey's end (death), which took place in Egypt about 50 years later, the additive becomes about 9 months – measuring to the very close of 1947. THAT is well

into the Jewish civil year which saw their painful journey's end, with the sons of Jacob settling down to their ABIDING by mid-May 1948!

Make no mistake about it! The wandering Jew has walked the last mile of his journey. Henceforth he shall abide permanently in the land which was by God given unto his fathers. Though anguish and tribulation shall as yet rend his inward parts, no longer shall he roam. THAT phase of his life is gone forever! Though a few millions are as yet in foreign lands, the cry of 'HOME' has gone forth. The star of Jacob has been hoisted, while the God of Israel shall watch over it that never again shall it face and disperse in foreign fields. For, THE One Who promised at Peniel is FAITHFUL, whereat Jacob's name was CHANGED. Henceforth, he shall be as "a Prince of God," one who has "power with God," and one who shall execute the office as COMMANDER of God's soldiers, or servants!

Let not the smug Christian think that Jacob's Anti-Christian Judaism shall prevent God keeping His word! *For* a Christ-rejecting nation Jesus went to Calvary's cross! For a Gentile world that didn't even know of God, He suffered, bled and died. Neither shall there present blindness of earthly Isaac prevent their blessing. For, BEFORE Jacob has passed through the fire, the scales shall burn and fall off his eyes. And THAT *remnant* emerging from the crucible shall be as silver and gold purified seven times!

Thus we see how the vital phase of the primary prophecy enacted has already been amazingly fulfilled in its purely material sense. Other phases are shown with equal clearness, and shall find their fulfillment through the might of Yahweh's Hand!

A Prophet in Death

In the last chapter of Genesis we learn of the death of Jacob-Israel, and his burial. But about this – like so much of

other Scripture – our luminaries, asleep in 'the night' – have little to say. . . . But TRUTH has its origin in LIGHT, and cannot be holden even in death (of the Prophet)!

"And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do...?"

Genesis 18:17

Blessed is the God of Abraham, for His Hand has wrought all things well, neither was it beyond Him to speak to the distant children of Abraham in the mighty prophetic dramas He caused the chosen to enact, both in life and in death!

"...and the physicians embalmed Israel. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days."

Genesis 50:2-3

Israel was 'embalmed' FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE BODY! Thereafter the body was carried up out of Egypt into the land of Canaan. . . . These several factors speak to us of the resurrection of the dead, and of immortality in human flesh here and now. (Even THAT which Jesus promised, but His followers were too weak in the faith and dull of understanding to enter into that promise.) But these mighty events are in the category of SPIRITUAL verities. For its prophetic span of time the number must be raised to its 3rd power, yielding 40 x 100 = 4000 days (years) for the preservation of the Israel-body. We know that Jacob's origin is founded in Abraham, whose birth was

1946 A.M.
<u>+ 4000</u>
5946-7 A.M.

which nets 1947-48 A.D. Again we see prophetically portrayed for us that epochal event of Jewry's death in Egypt (Gentile nations of the world), and carried by Jacob's sons back into Canaan. But as Esau the HAIRY one was born before Jacob the smooth-skinned one, so must the fate pro-

phetically portrayed FIRST overtake the earthly man, THEN comes the corresponding fate to overtake the spiritual category. World Jewry IS DEAD in the "Egypt' of the Gentile nations. The time of their dispersion has come to an end.... And let the blind and conceited cultists claim Jewry but a temporary usurper in Palestine! But their word shall dismally fail, even as did the word of the false prophets in ancient Israel – who would not abide in the Word of God.

And "the Egyptians mourned seventy days for Israel." Which by the same prophetic portent tells us that the Gentile nations of the world-people who have not come into either earthly Jacob or spiritual Israel – shall be an even 7000 years BEHIND the Israel stock to find their FREEdom. For THAT is the significance of the Egyptians' 'mourning'. Which means that not until the close of the next week of Divine manifestation (8900 to 9000 A.D.) will such nations as India, China, Japan, Egypt, etc., enter into the REDEMPTION which NOW awaits Jewry and Christendom. (This does not refer to individuals within such nations.)

From the purely spiritual perspective, Esau-Jacob denote the 60-fold Christian, since they were born to Isaac when he was 60 years of age; Isaac himself typifying the 100-fold. Unto ESAU was it promised that he should "have DOMINION." Therefore, shall the 60-fold have their lot in the earth-based kingdom, living in human bodies typified by the "red and hairy" significance of Esau. But his spiritual counterpart – Jacob – went into the fields of the world to gain soul-treasures (wives and children). In the account of time he IS RETURNING TO CANAAN, and receives the Spirit-Baptism from the angel of God in the 'outpouring' at Jabbok, before the face of God (Peniel). THAT is the experience of the 60-fold who go on into the 100-fold category. But when trial through scarcity overtook him in Palestine, he weakened, and looked again to the fleshpots of Egypt. Once more he sold out his birthright (Esau: the hairy earth-man); ignored the sure promises of God, and "went DOWN into Egypt!" THAT portrays the 100-fold Christian who becomes ensnared by the

things of this world and thereby LOSES THE SPIRIT-BLESSING. Thus, virtually and operationally here on earth such a backslider finds himself in the 60-fold category, into which Jacob was BORN! Yet the Scripture says that

"THE GIFTS...OF GOD ARE WITHOUT REPENTANCE!"

Romans 11:29

Therefore do we see in the account that the commandment by the Prophet entailed that 'the body' should be carried into Canaan following his death! The backslidden 100-fold (virtually 60-fold) travel directly on into the heaven-world, and have nothing more to do with the Egypt of this world BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE SPIRIT-ANOINTING! Although we are not here dealing with the 30-fold typified by Joseph – we see at once the DIFFERENCE in fate at the time of death, wherein his bones were not carried to Canaan until much later at the liberation of his brethren.

But let us proceed with the earthly Israel. His stalwart sons carried him back to the land of his fathers. And they came to the THRESHING-floor of "Atad" ('to PIERCE' – as by a buckthorn). There they made "a sore lamentation for Jacob." Therefore was the place called "Abel-Mizraim" (the "meadows of Egypt"; also implying mourning), where they lamented over Jacob's demise SEVEN DAYS. And his sons carried him to the field of 'Machpelah' ('a fold', with the connotation of rendering *double*). This Machpelah was bought by Abraham (the 'father of a multitude') from 'Ephron' ('DARTING' – like a fawn) – the 'Hittite' ('dread, terror'), before 'Mamre' ('lustiness and vigor').

We see, then, how the end-time sons of Jacob have arrived at the THRESHING-floor of Atad where the wheat is flailed free from the chaff; and where they have smarted under the PIERCING – as by a great buckthorn!

From the human perspective, it would appear that Jewry arrived at 'the threshingfloor of Atad' in the spring of 1948,

with its inception-phase running into the summer of 1949. Then commenced the flailing and smarting and the lamentations. And we are told that they "lamented seven days." Therein is graphed for us prophetically the hardships, testings and national griefs befalling them during the first 7 (completion) period after their national re-emergence, and from then time of their victory when they settled down to becoming a nation among the nations. But in ***verse 14*** we see where Joseph and his brethren 'returned into Egypt'. The TIME that they required for that is not given. And it still remains to be seen what the full prophetic connotation may be of their 'returning into Egypt'. That their trek back entailed many days is certain. The days bespeak years: years which shall be molding both Jewish and Gentile destiny.

In this simple narrative is hidden a tremendous prophecy, which may well make us stand in awe and grief, with heads bared as did the Egyptians. For, observe that although the sons of Jacob mourned – as indeed they should – *the place was named for the Egyptians* (Mizraim)!

EGYPT is the symbolic type of this world of sin. The very name links with that which is limited, confined or 'hemmed in'. Thus it is also linked with 'mourning'. These varying shades of connotation link it, therefore, with this world of sin, which, because of disobedience to the WILL of God, has been 'hemmed in' and limited to the extent that sickness, death and SORROW are its outstanding conditions. And the Devil ***("the prince of the power of the air")*** has chief jurisdiction. (It is interesting to observe TRUTH's declaration that the Devil functions through the "power of the air." And all life on this earth – as we know it – ceases to exist as soon as AIR is cut off!) SIN – which is disobedience to the will of God – brought DEATH into the world. . . . With these thoughts in mind, we look again to TRUTH's similitude portrayed for us through and by the House of the three great prophets: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

This cave in the field of 'Machpelah' links with DEATH:

for a place of entombment was it bought by Abraham. DEATH takes us to the 'fold' ('Machpelah') which lies beyond this life. And this CAVE (death) links with that 'Ephron' which SPRINTS and bobs up and down – from one to another, purchased from the son of Heth, the Hittite – where the 'dread and terror' of DEATH stalks 'the meadows of Egypt' (Abel-Mizraim), *before* 'Mamre' – 'the lusty one'. WHO is the lusty and vigorous one where Abraham and Isaac sojourned, save He Who has IMMORTALITY, through Whom DEATH shall be swallowed up, and the grave cease to be! Therefore are we told that this cave of death for (or unto) the fold was BEFORE Mamre *'the vigorous one'*. That is, the era of DEATH precedes the era of immortality – and its Author; when the sons of Israel shall dwell in the VIGOR of "the dew of their youth." THIS was the glory seen by the ancient Prophets, and so beautifully depicted for us in the last rites of Jacob-Israel.

As Jacob – the dead – was put out of sight to his remaining sons, as his remains had been carried from Egypt (this world of sin) to Canaan (type of heaven), so may we with confidence expect a RE-enactment of drama in the near future when the 'Egyptians' – figuratively speaking – SHALL STAND IN GRIEF *because of those who have been carried to the other side of 'Jordan'*. THEREFORE was the place named "Abel-Mizraim' *for the Egyptians!* For, 'tis the sons of *this* kingdom who shall stand with bared heads in great grief when Israel (the Spirit-born Church) is bodily carried beyond Jordan (death), and THEY left behind!

Have we now beheld the fullness of Truth's enlightenment? Beloved, we have just commenced! 'Limit' NOT "the Holy One of Israel"! "More, more, MORE of Thy TRUTH" – be our prayers ascending; hearts uplifted to the Spirit-sun, that the LIGHT of its GLORY all gloom may dispel from that temple created for God!

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" cried the voice of God. Or should we suppose that God's hand was too

short to ENACT THROUGH Abraham and his seed, the fullness of that which God has decreed for the eras to come?... ***"O fools, and SLOW of heart to believe ALL that the prophets have spoken"! (Lk. 24:25)*** Surely DULL has been the understanding of our theologians to suppose that God was able to speak ONLY through the audible and written Word! How much more eloquently cannot TRUTH be portrayed in drama!

We consider then the 'double' ('a fold' – as the folding over of a cloth) connotation of Machpelah. And in ***Genesis 23:20*** we are told that it was ***"...made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying place by the sons of Heth."*** From Adam's mortality unto Abraham was 1946 years. Therefore, applying the 'double' connotation, we have:

1946 x 2 = 3892 years, which we add to the birth of the 'replacer',

thus: 2106 A.M.
= 5998 A.M. (= 1999-2000 A.D.).

– which shows in round figures how DEATH is to reign for the sons of Jacob to the close of this week of Divine manifestation. Although there is to be a 'firstfruits' unto IMMORALITY in human flesh on THIS earth – even as there has been a 'firstfruits' in other matters, yet *the ERA of immortality* will not commence until following the close of this 'week', as was also illustrated prophetically for us through the miracle of water changed to wine at the marriage in Cana of Galilee.

The truth of the above figures is also beautifully corroborated in the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, which depicts the NEW ERA to commence in its fully-ushered-in phase at the fall equinox in 2001 A.D.

THEN should

THE TRUTH IN GOD

again be preached as

"THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL,"

that the children of men may once more

EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE

– AND LIVE!

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Chapter 13

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WOULD that words could graph the MAJESTY on high and properly declare the immeasurable extent of His wisdom! But words are weak and too insipid to truthfully convey God to man. . . . Yet in a slight measure does the second edge of His Word-sword reveal Him. But the carnality of man is overwhelming, and his soul so gross that he is scarcely touched by the beauty and iridescence of His sword!

Oh that SONG might DECLARE Him. . . . Then should the melody of ages trail off and falter in despair to encompass that magnitude of Glory! Or that weeping might probe the depths of His being and tears His LOVE, but even then should the earth be too shallow to voice that sob, and the oceans too small for the tears required. Yet heedless, man labors to speed his own destruction! And our theological luminaries evolve their own philosophies in a flat repudiation of the inspired Word! Then what shall become of the "sheep of His pasture" when the pastors are gorged, and drunk with the effervescence of their own mouthings?

Yet the God of Jacob has dropped the plummet, and with His finger circumscribed the outermost bounds of sin's macabre rejoicing.

But what of Jacob? Covetous Jacob! Even as our Lord

twice purged the Temple, even so unto Jacob. For Jacob is His (national) Temple! Well has he been scourged among the nations, yet now approaches the final house-cleaning! And at its consummation shall the God of Jacob put His hand to the earth and SHAKE it that even the fowls of heaven shall fall to earth. . . . *THEN* there shall be PEACE!

We have viewed the measure of many numbers and beheld how God has wrought by 'type'. Yet "the half has not been told"! A substantial portion has been laid bare of that which we usually consider as the things more outstanding. But let us not (nay NEVER) forget that the SWORD of His mouth has TWO edges. Therefore, whenever and wherever God speaks, PROPHECY is an integrated portion of the message He gives. And wherever He DIRECTS a people, even that *is entirely* a PROPHETIC DRAMA! For, of His own self did he say that He would not hide from Abraham the things He had in mind to do. Hence, not only the SPOKEN WORD, but also TRUTH *WROUGHT IN ACTION!*

In our last chapter we viewed prophecy in the death of Jacob, and we took a somber look at DEATH in Machpelah's cave, and how God has shown its unhindered measure to run to the close of this century. Yet there are other factors involved which should not be overlooked.

As Jacob was carried to Machpelah and we have seen the prophecy therein, so should we not overlook the original "deal" arranged by his father Abraham: the man hand-picked by God to father His people. In the 23rd chapter of ***Genesis*** we read the details of his transaction with Ephron. And the price he paid was 400 shekels of silver. To become prophetic for the nation, this could be raised by the power of 10, yielding 4000. From the expulsion of the first pair from the Garden of Eden to the purchase price of redemption by Jesus Christ was 4,000 years.

Although Sarah's symbology is rather broad, yet it was as the WIFE of Abraham that she died, and for whom the cave was originally purchased. Thus, as his wife, she typifies the

SOUL of those who are married to God (Abram = the HIGH Father); which justifies our conclusion that the TERROR of Death shall soon cease for those who walk and talk with their Savior.

Yet once more let us view the figure, lest we "limit the Holy One of Israel." Although we may ever be open to more of His Truth, it is possible to even so have our eyes too much to earth. So, in our second perspective, let us look UP! As gold corresponds to the Sun and Spirit, so does silver answer to the moon and links with SOUL, while with 'soul' we associate LIFE.

Here, then, we have a double emphasis on soul: through Sarah and by the silver. Well did the Prophet-psalmist say:

> ***"None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) that he should still live for ever, and not see corruption."***
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> ***Psalm 49:7-9***

We have previously seen how DEATH shall rule to the end of this century. But with DEATH as with so many other things which God has directed, its abolishment shall come in stages. Its first death-blow was struck over 19 centuries ago. That first stage corresponded in TIME to the lump sum paid by Abraham (400 x 10 = 4000), when the Abolisher of Death was born. The next phase thereof comes in the catching away of the FIRSTFRUITS out of the world's harvest field of ripening Christians. AFTER that comes the resurrection of the dead, coinciding with the 'translation of the saints'. The 4th stage arrives when a FIRSTFRUITS UNTO IMMORTALITY shall pass from death into LIFE in their present mortal bodies.

"...that I may bury my dead out of my sight..." (Gen. 23:4) said Abraham.

Prophetically, THAT was first fulfilled 2,000 years later when the power of Spirit quickened the body of Jesus, and

later ascended into the cavernous depths of the vaulted dome that the eyes of mortal man should never behold it in a death-state again! (This was shown by Sarah as the half-sister to Abraham).... And soon its rounded measure shall complete.... For, the Wisdom of the Ever-Living did decree, and with might the Creator wrought, setting to His seal and insignia by confirmation through history of the mighty prophecies so long hidden by Rebekah's Veil.

A twofold purpose is behind the present insurging wave of Spirit-light: that "the slow and hard of heart" to understand ALL that the Prophets have written, may find an abundance of irrefutable evidence to PROVE the manifest works of God. Secondly, that many who already believe, may see and KNOW FOR A CERTAINTY that this is the day of the Midnight Cry: ***"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"*** It is the moment at eventide when Isaac approaches in the field and Rebekah alighting off her camel, goes to meet him. Although it isn't so stated, we know that he lifted her veil.

When you see Isaac, you'll laugh and sing,
You'll laugh and sing, you'll laugh and sing.
When you see Isaac, you'll laugh and sing,
The trumpets will sound and the bells will ring!

The camels are coming, the Bride is here,
The Bride is here, the Bride is here.
The camels are coming, the Bride is here,
The Son is rejoicing, the wedding is near!

We'll worship the Father, His glory share
His glory share, His glory share.
We'll worship the Father, His glory share
His Bride He's perfecting, so wondrous and fair!

– Unknown

...This veil was done away in Christ as clearly stated by Paul, but even he admitted at the time that he could but ***"see...and know in part" (I Cor. 13:12)***. This because of the existent truth

as denoted by the veil or covering placed over Rebekah's face at her burial (a custom at the time), as was also placed over Sarah's face. The same Truth again portrayed by Moses as he veiled his face the second time, for the light of his countenance was too great for the Israelites to bear. . . . The same symbology was again set forth in the Mosaic Tabernacle which was hung by an OUTER and an INNER veil.

Though the Tabernacle veils have a still deeper meaning as pointed out by Paul in ***Ephesians 2:14***, yet they obscured the fullness of light and vision, the Truth of which has been an ever fulfilling reality down through the ages.

Yet once more let us look for the Insignia of God (or who shall limit His arm?) We know from the Record that Sarah was 127 at her death, with Abraham 10 years older, making him 137 at his wife's interment. Applying then the rule to raise the man to the status for the nation, we get:

137 x 10 = 1370 years as a prophetic span.

God called Abram out of Ur to make of him a CHOSEN NATION. This was later paralleled by God's calling Israel out of Egypt that they might become "a peculiar treasure unto the Lord" that He might be married unto them. Therefore:

2666+ The Exodus
+ 1370 = to "first burying out of my sight"
4036 A.M.

Here we observe that this is only one year beyond the true chronology of the Great Pyramid. But even to such as do not accept the Great Pyramid as being God's irrefutable Witness – in solid stone – the event on Golgotha is still in chronological agreement. For, as much as one year difference in the age of Sarah – Abraham – at the time of her death would change the prophetic span implied by 10 full years. Therefore, the difference of one year as above, or even that of 6 years as some would have it, the ratio is still but a fraction of the full and smallest one-year-fruit of their given age.

What Christian can stifle a shout of joy? What Cleopas can help but enter into the fullness of the FAITH in beholding the unsearchable riches, and the inscrutable wisdom of God manifest in every significant event, and smallest detail, as recorded in the Inspired Word? Therein has The Ever-Living demonstrated His Hand and set to His seal THAT THE RECORD IS TRUE! And, through the sum and the substance thereof we KNOW THAT THE PROMISES ARE SURE. . . .

Allonbachuth

Returning to view the remaining portion of the Divinely ordained event – prophetic for generations unborn – we see Jacob reunited with his brother Esau in the land of his father. Here then , in the purely material aspect for the nation, we see the final return to their homeland foreshadowed in the kiss and embrace of the twin brothers. It is the guileful supplanter Jacob, with weariness of soul (Leah) from the princely estates in foreign lands (Padan-Aram) and with the humble (lamb) spirit begetting journey of the ewe (Rachel), who embraces the positive qualities of the red and rugged Esau in that he (Jewry) bows his back to the toil and sacrifice of reconquering the land to enter into the true birthright bestowed upon him by his father.

IMMEDIATELY thereafter we see where Deborah (a BEE) who was Rebekah's nurse, died, and was there buried under the oak Jacob named 'Allonbachuth' ('the oak of weeping').

Even THAT we see marvelously fulfilled in our very days, and in open sight for all. Have not countless sons of Jacob-Israel given up their flitting search for honey (the sweets) in the transitory flower-experiences in Gentile lands, in order to settle forever in the land of their fathers? THIS is the DEATH of the honey-gathering Deborah, and the lamentations of Judah have been deep and fraught with anguish as he has left those sweets behind, returning to the land which he cannot resist. Truly, Allonbachuth towers mightily today with the national flag at half mast. "Allon' as the mighty oak

is symbolic of Abraham and his posterity (through Isaac), from the material perspective.

DEBORAH IS DEAD!

– "and she was buried beneath Bethel...."

Surely, every reader knows the word, Bethel, signifies "the house of God."

In those few words we are told that as we – in these days of the END-TIME – behold the national burying of Deborah, we are to realize that "THE HOUSE OF GOD" *is immediately above!* Have we not seen by the press time and again, where whole communities of Jews sell out their flourishing business enterprises – often for next to nothing – just to get back to Canaan? DEBORAH, the flitting bee – in search for sweets – has come to the end of her strength. Now the soft wind stirs mournfully the leaves of Allonbachuth. . . .

But let us rejoice, for Bethel is immediately above!

Scan further the Inspired Record and see how it adds its corroborating detail! God appears to Jacob AGAIN and blesses him at Bethel. And God said unto him:

"...Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel."

Genesis 35:10

The short distance from Allonbachuth to Bethel, portrays THAT SHORT DISTANCE IN TIME until God reveals Himself unto national Jacob and changes his name to ISRAEL! It had already taken place at Penuel, but the confirmation from God on high took place at Bethel. THERE, God "called his name Israel," THEN, no longer shall they be the supplanter nation in the fields of Padan-Aram – serving the Labans of this world – but God Himself declares them ISRAEL, that, as a PRINCELY nation they shall have power with God and for God, being the chosen vessels – 'after the flesh'.

Here, let the individual Christian reflect truly on his own

spiritual status, and let him carefully consider THE DRAMATIZED BLUEPRINT BY GOD PORTRAYING THE SPIRIT BAPTISM! Too long have the multitudes swallowed the parroting of a slumbering clergy and priesthood who have lulled the sheep of their pasture to sleep by false indoctrination; postulating that 'the Holy Spirit' IS received WHEN the Christian FULLY ACCEPTS CHRIST as his Savior! But God – dramatizing the TRUTH of His *"modus operandi"* – shows us the 60-fold supplanter (Jacob born to Isaac when he was 60 years old) finally deciding to Reclaim his citizenship in Canaan (type of Heaven). And what did Jacob decide to do in order to achieve this? First he concludes to FLEE FROM LABAN IN PADAN-ARAM.

Likewise must the 60-fold Christian decide to leave behind forever the WHITE and plush attached to eminence from a worldly perspective. SOUL-WEARINESS of these things (Leah) encourages the leaving, and so does the pregnant Rachel. The latter – and her condition – point to the required – as well as IN-THE-MAKING – TRUE HUMBLENESS to succeed in the quest.

His chief fear: the meeting of Esau his wronged brother – had also to be faced. As it were, he had to take his life in his hand, trusting to God to uphold him. But BEFORE the angel's blessing was secured, Jacob 'wrestled all night' at the ford Jabbok (which means OUTPOURING). The 'all night' wrestling portrays that period of time – long or short in the individual case –while the person struggles in the darkness (lack of oil in his lamp) to win the victory! Regardless of the cost, Jacob would not let the messenger go. THUS also must come the blessing and the OUTPOURING for the individual 60-fold who through folly and ignorance has a long time wandered on the HEIGHTS OF this world FOLLOWING HIS FATHER'S BLESSING which established him in the birthright (the 60-fold, or 'born-again', experience). And that no one should misunderstand the symbology, the prophet here named the place "Peniel" for, he had "seen the face of God." Thus in that great struggle where the OUTPOURING comes

freely, the individual comes face to face with God! And there the BLESSING IS RECEIVED!

But observe carefully, AT BETHEL God appears to him and RATIFIES THE BLESSING, changing his name to ISRAEL. He is then IN THE HOUSE OF GOD (Bethel) and no longer to be a 'RE-PLACER' (Jacob) – abrogating the kingdom rights of the worldly man (Esau), but God Himself leads him to His 'HOUSE', telling them that no more shall he usurp the things of this world, but that he is thenceforth "A PRINCE OF GOD" in God's house (Bethel). Thus has God shown forth the way and means of receiving the Spirit Baptism for those who did not receive it at the proper time (as explained in The Tabernacle studies).

> ***"And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed. . . . And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. . . .And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar."***
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> ***Genesis 35:16-21***

Jacob had said to Laban: ***"With whomsoever thou findest thy gods let him not live..." (Gen. 31:32).*** Unknown to Jacob, Rachel had the 'gods' of her father. Yet lack of awareness is no excuse in the sight of God. He honors the spoken word of His Prophets! As Jacob uttered those words he sealed the fate of the Rachel he loved! But at the moment, the unborn life within her was a part of himself and without guilt in the theft. Therefore, it MUST be that the NEW LIFE should first come forth. But in THAT very instant the curse of the Prophet could no longer be stayed, for the soul of Rachel departed – in death!

O Benoni – "the son of my sorrow!" The migrating, globe-roving Jacob as he homeward turns his weary steps (the journey phase of the name Rachel) gives birth to the "son of her sorrow." TODAY, this speaks to us of Jacob's national soul

(wife), who through anguish and great tribulation, finds engendered a new spirit-potential: "the son of my right hand." This is that spirit-begotten quality of STRENGTH IN HUMBLENESS which shall entitle Jacob to regain the lost estate. That humbleness and self-sacrifice yields "the son of the father's (Spirit) right hand". . . . It is the END OF THE TRAIL: that long sought-for quality of strength through humbleness which entitles Jacob to reenter and remain in his father's blessing. . . .

It is but another phase of the original narrative of the first Adam who entered into death that a new life might manifest. It is a portion of Rebekah's name (the noose) made manifest through the life of her seed. Rebekah the 'noose' fully captivates Isaac, that he should be ONE with her, THAT A TWO-FOLD LIFE MIGHT EMERGE. And for her sake he is nearly blind that her wish should be realized: the birthright blessing to Jacob. ALL these are similitudes conformed to the first and basic pattern in the heavenlies: THE CHRIST WHO IS VOLUNTARILY SNARED INTO DEATH FOR THE WOMAN HE LOVES; Who, because of His great love, becomes blind (almost) to their folly and sin, that His great blessing might descend upon the younger through whom comes forth, eventually, a new creation.

This brief and simple narrative sums up a long story (in TIME), laden with depths of spiritual meaning. For, the wandering, straying ewe (Rachel) comes to her sudden and untimely end having reached out to possess the worthless gods of Padan-Aram. How searingly has the national SOUL of Jacob beheld the death of Rachel in these very days we live! For, what are the gods of Laban except the silver and gold of the great and mighty in the places of world eminence (Padan-Aram)? Is it not an overwhelmingly recognized fact that world Jewry has set its heart on the monetary wealth of the world? Is it not recognized that Jewish interests largely control world finance? Based on the recognition of that fact, one Adolph Hitler set out to *'get them'*. BEFORE the Second World War there were about 15 to 17 million Jews in Europe. It was later

claimed to be from 5 to 6 million remaining[1]! How bitterly Jacob has wept in paying the price for the gods which Rachel stole from her father! But in the anguish of his soul he realizes (prophetically) that this new life is the "son of his right hand." It is the Spirit-born Israel who shall stray no more in the lush fields of Padan-Aram, covenanting with the Labans of this world.

We are told that ***"Rachel died and was buried <u>in the way to Ephrath</u>"***; also that there ***"was but a little way to come to Ephrath."*** The name means 'fruitfulness'. (LATER it was named Bethlehem or the 'house of bread'.) As today we witness the national fulfillment of her death, we also know – from a national perspective – that her last and newborn shall become the Spirit-led (right hand) nation of IS-RA-EL.

"In the way to Ephrath"! And the distance is so short! FOUR THOUSAND YEARS has God waited for this nation to BRING FORTH FRUITS fit for the Lord's table!

Deborah and Rachel are closely linked. And their deaths were close together both in time and location. So likewise perceive we now. The globe-roving soul (Rachel) of Jacob has come to its death through reaching out for the gods of silver and gold possessed by the Gentiles. Which is but a repetition (in drama) of the death of Deborah! These SWEETS has Jacob's national soul finally rejected while steaming back to Palestine as paupers – IF needs be! Deborah is dead! Rachel is dead! ***"In the way to Ephrath."*** NOW, therefore, there is but such A SHORT DISTANCE TO 'FRUITFULNESS', later named "Bethlehem' (the house of GOD'S bread), linking with Christ our Savior, Who, as ***"The Bread of Life"*** was born in Bethlehem of Judah.

The careful student should not overlook the significance of the place of 'fruitfulness' being LATER named "the house of bread." So many Christians today – as well as cultists – decry the modern Jew because he is a Christ-rejecter. And

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[1] (in 1958)

on that basis of shortcoming, postulate that Jewry cannot remain in the Holy Land. But of God's PLAN are they blissfully ignorant, even as they are of God's Word! For, KNEW they His Word they would know that Jacob sees the death of Deborah and Rachel, coming swiftly that short distance to 'FRUITFULNESS', which later is changed by God to "the House of Bread." Already have they commenced to bear fruit. LATER God shall take a hand when this same 'fruitfulness' shall yield its NEW perspective: even the House of Bread which is Christ the Savior!

–And the distance is so short! TIME SHALL NOT DRAG! GOD SHALL NOT PROCRASTINATE! For very soon, BEFORE many years have passed, Ephrath-Bethlehem shall be manifest through the soul of Jacob. Exceedingly soon the TREE OF ISRAEL shall bear pleasant fruit in abundance! (...That the "dresser of the vineyard" shall not have to cut it down.)

And to that also testify the words: ***"and ISRAEL*** (NOT Jacob) ***journeyed and spread his tent beyond EDAR" (Gen. 35:21).***

The name Edar refers to 'a flock'. But what flock? Manifestly his own! Therefore shall the spreading and covering TENT of Yahweh's PRINCE once more canopy to the outposts of far flung heathendom TO ENCLOSE AND ASSIMILATE ALL MANKIND through the "everlasting gospel" of His Kingdom!

We have not long to wait to see the touch of God to Jacob's heart which transforms him to ISRAEL, coming into his spiritual birthright at Bethel; going quickly to Ephrath-Bethlehem where, endued with the power of the second outpouring, Israel's tent shall spread beyond the 'Edar' of his own flock as Jewish Evangelists – gifted in every known tongue under heaven – set the preeminent example once more!

But a Little Way to Come – To Ephrath...'

Can we look to the rose of the dawning
And close our eyes to the light?
Can we hear the mourning at Allonbachuth
And view the homeward Jewish flight
– Yet fail to see that Ephrath 'looms in sight?

Can we view the measure of countless numbers
Decreed by God to <u>declare</u> this time –
And see the surge of events fulfilling
Portraitures wrought by Wisdom sublime
– And still not know that <u>this is the time</u>?

Can we raise our eyes to Rebekah's alighting
And not discern the end of the trail?
Can we look to the camels no longer striding
And yet in hardness wilfully fail
– To know that now is lifting Rebekah's veil?

"Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel."

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Glossary
of Bible Names used in this work

Abram:	The high father
Abraham:	Father of a multitude, or nations
Abel-Mizraim:	Meadows of Egypt; also implies mourning
Adam:	Red; like or similar (like unto God)
Ahaz:	Possessor
Ahaziah:	Yahweh seizes, or takes possession
Allonbachuth:	The oak of weeping
Atad:	To pierce (as by a buckthorn)
Benjamin:	Son of my right (spirit) hand
Benoni:	Son of my sorrow
Bethany:	House of dates (symbolizes His Bride)
Bethphage:	House of figs (symbolizes world Jewry)
Bethel:	House of God
Bethlehem:	House of God's bread
Bethsaida:	House of fishing
Cana:	Reeds; lowland
Canaan:	Same as Cana
Christ:	The anointed; OILED
Deborah:	A bee
Decapolis:	The region of ten cities
Edar:	A flock
Edom:	Shaggy

Esau:	Red; rugged
Egypt:	Hemmed in; a type of this world in sin and limitation (see Mizraim)
Ephrath:	Fruitfulness
Ephron:	Darting, bobbing; like a fawn
Gad:	"A troop cometh"; raid
Galilee:	A circuit, or ring
Gennesaret:	Garden of the Prince
Hittite:	Dread; terror
Isaac:	Laughter; inner joy
Israel:	God's chief or prince; soldier of God
Jabbok:	Gushing; outpouring
Jacob:	He who supplants; a heel-er
Jerusalem:	Abode, or city of PEACE
Jesus:	Yahweh-SAVIOR
John:	Yahweh's graciousness
Jordan:	Down; the descender (figure of death)
Judah:	Praise; acclaim; a handshake
Laban:	White
Lazarus:	He whom God helps (depicts Jewry)
Leah:	Weariness (of soul); tender-eyed
Machpelah:	A fold(-ing over); a double (measure)
Magdala:	Tower, or high place
Mahanaim:	Two camps
Mamre:	Lustiness and vigor
Martha:	Deep sobriety (of spirit); lady
Mary:	see Miriam
Miriam:	Grief; bitterness (of soul)
Mizraim:	Limits; that which is hemmed in. A type of this world which is HEMMED IN by sin's curse

Padan-Aram:	Field of the heights
Paul:	Small (lowly in spirit)
Peniel:	Face of God
Penuel:	The same as Peniel
Peter:	Bedrock *(Greek: Petros; Chaldean: Cephas)*
Pharaoh:	"The great house." (Pharaoh's ancient house was a parallel concept to that of Lucifer ***[Isa. 14:13-14]***, hence a type of Satan or Lucifer.
Rachel:	A ewe; a journey
Rebekah:	A noose; captivating
Sarah:	Princess
Saul:	Asked for

Bible Chronology

(Based on the Authorized Version)

Order	Names			Age of	Reference	Anno Mortus
(1)	ADAM entered mortality					0
(2)	Seth	born to	Adam	130	Genesis 5:3	130
(3)	Enos	born to	Seth	105	" 5:6	235
(4)	Cainan	born to	Enos	90	" 5:9	325
(5)	Mahalaleel	to	Cainan	70	" 5:12	395
(6)	Jared	born to	Mahalaleel	65	" 5:15	460
(7)	Enoch	born to	Jared	162	" 5:18	622
(8)	Methuselah	to	Enoch	65	" 5:21	687
	Enoch's translation			365	" 5:23-24	987
(9)	Lamech	born to	Methuselah	187	" 5:25	874
(10)	NOAH	born to	Lamech	182	" 5:28-29	1056
(11)	Shem	born to	Noah	500	" 5:32	1556
	The Great Flood: Noah			600	" 7:6	1656
(12)	Arphaxad	to	Shem	100	" 11:10*	1656

(*N.B.: IF Genesis 11:10 means that Shem was 102 years at Arphaxad's birth [instead of the stated 100], then all dates following require a 2 year additive.)

(13)	Salah until (20) Abram = 290 years				Genesis 11:14-26	1946
(21)	Isaac	born to	Abraham	100	" 21:5	2046
(22)	Jacob	born to	Isaac	60	" 25:26	2106
(33)	Joseph	born to	Jacob	91	" 41 & 47	2197
	Abram's Call			75	" 2:4	2021
	Isaac's marriage			40	" 25:20	2086
	Jacob's entry into Egypt			130	" 47:9	2236
	Jacob died in Egypt			147	" 47:28	2253
	Joseph died in Egypt			110	" 50:26	2307
	Israel's sojourn in Egypt			430	Exodus 12:40-41 (see also Gen. 15:13)	2066
	Israel's exodus from Egypt			430		2667
	Israel's sojourn in the wilderness			40	Exodus 16:35	2707
	Israel's entry into Canaan was, therefore					2707

N.B.: Since the Divine graph (by type) can only show the duration of the EARTH-PILGRIMAGE <u>until</u> Heaven (Canaan) is RE-entered, so does the Bible Chronology beyond Canaan CEASE TO BE THE INSPIRED RECORD! The chronology beyond Canaan represents

MAN'S effort, and hence abounds in numerous chronological errors and contradictions!

Incidentally, the Great Pyramid's chronology fully corroborates the Inspired Record in harmony with the foregoing table TO THE TIME THAT THE DIVINE LAW WAS GIVEN on Sinai, computing to September 2668 A.M. (This is only a ONE YEAR discrepancy compared to the Bible's round-figure terminology.) When Heaven is re-entered, the computation of TIME ceases. Through the nation of Abraham, God has dramatized the course of the Edenic pair's exile until their return to the LOST ESTATE. Hence the foolishness of postulating an inspired chronology beyond Canaan.

– MIKKEL DAHL

Questions
Chapter 1

1. WHY did not God manifest, or openly reveal *ALL* of His PLAN for this Age unto Moses?

2. WHAT past event, or ACT prophetically portrayed that the spiritual darkness should remain *in part*, which forced the illumined – yet honest – Paul to confess: "...I see as through a glass darkly"?

3. In what way is a *fully matured* WINE emblematic of the blood of Jesus Christ?

4. WHAT did Christ say would be the *earmark* of the 'scribe' truly instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven?

5. WHAT is *water* said to typify?

6. WHAT is typified to us by earthen WATER-POTS?

7. WHAT do the 'reeds' (of Cana) portray?

8. WHAT great impending event did Christ foreshadow through the transforming of water to wine?

9. WHEN are we to expect the fulfillment of his shadow-prophecy?

10. Here STATE what to you, individually, seems paramount, or the most outstandingly important factor in this Chapter.

Chapter 2

11. How do we know that His crossing the Sea of Galilee and healing the Demoniac, is a prophetic message unto ALL of the world?

12. WHAT is shown to us by Jesus CROSSING THE SEA? ("Let us PASS OVER unto the other side.")

13. WHAT will the Gentile nations do when the host of demons are ejected from the Heaven-world, and cast down to earth?

14. WHY did this miracle take place in the evening of the day?

15. WHAT – allegorically – is portrayed to us by the Master SPEAKING IN PARABLES to the multitude as He was buoyed on the waters of Galilee?

16. WHAT part or portion of the world does Pompey of Rome typify?

17. WHAT does the tempest on Galilee's Sea portray (as they were crossing over)?

18. WHAT is the significance of the UNSPECIFIED short distance over which the obsessed swine stampeded to their destruction?

19. In this miracle of compassion by the Lord, what are the TWO peculiar factors (unique to the power and wisdom of God) which imbed the undisputable INSIGNIA of God as operative through the Christ?

20. WHAT impresses you personally as being THE outstanding factor involved in this Chapter?

Chapter 3

21. WHAT is the symbolic significance of the multitude in a desert place, with nothing to eat?

22. WHAT should it portend to us that we have now witnessed the REgathering of the 'fragments' of the 12 sons of Israel, becoming a nation?

23. WHY did Jesus go up into a mountain by Himself?

24. WHY was that BEFORE crossing the Lake?

25. WHY was it 'Gennesaret' they landed at instead of some other place?

26. WHAT are we shown by the multitude being without other food, save the 7 units in a basket?

27. By WHAT do we perceive the TWO and the FIVE in the organized churches of today?

28. WHY did He constrain His disciples to get into a ship and GO AHEAD OF HIM to the other side?

29. WHAT are the 'CONTRARY WINDS' we observe today?

30. To you personally, what appears to be the most outstandingly important factor in his Chapter?

N.B.: Let the student ever bear in mind that these studies are for the uncovering of SPIRITUAL TREASURE, and that all questions – even as numbers 25 and 28 – must be thus considered rather than from a geographical, historical, or other materialistic perspective.

Chapter 4

31. WHY did both of these FEEDING miracles take place hard by the Sea of Galilee?

32. WHY is it stated that this miracle portrays the ultimate INGATHERING of the Church of Christ?

33. By what token is it claimed to be of the GENTILES?

34. WHY was the bread used of *BARLEY?*

35. WHAT is the symbolic significance of the multitude being *without food THREE DAYS?*

36. WHAT is the factor here involved which sows that His Church is not merely gathered together and *cross over* but also TAKEN *UP?*

37. In both instances, why was the Lake *crossed AFTER* the multitudes were fed?

38-39-40. (TEST question: 30 points allowed for a thoughtful effort.) Observe: The feeding of the 5,000 took place in "a desert place" at the foot of a mountain ***(Matt. 14:13, 15, 23)***; while the feeding of the 4,000 took place *on a plateau UP IN A MOUNTAIN.*

WHY did Jesus ASCEND the mountain PREVIOUS to the feeding of the 4,000 – from whence they were fed – but NOT so in the feeding of the 5,000?

(Bear this contrast in mind in answering: He feeds 5,000 THEN *ascends the mount,* compared to His FIRST ascending the mountain where the 4,000 come to Him and are fed on the plateau.)

Chapter 5

41. WHY did Jesus speak in Parables?

42. WHY did not the risen Lord go about healing the sick in body and mind during the 40 days between the resurrection and His ascension?

43. WHY did Peter decide to go fishing?

44. Of WHAT speaks the approximate 200 cubits to shore when the CATCH was made?

45. WHY had the Christ provided bread and fish? (Surely the 153 fish would have sufficed!)

46-47-48-49: (TEST): Just WHY did Jesus dramatize great Spirit-Truths (prophecy and portions of the Kingdom-Plan in mighty miracles, adapted to bring out the desired details), instead of portraying the same Truths and Prophecy by Parable?

(N.B.: The FOUR question-numbers allotted to above TEST question means that 40 points are allowed for a truly GOOD answer (not necessarily perfect). Wherefore, A DILIGENT effort is essential unless you wish to drop as much as 40 points in the Grading! . . . The student should also observe that the answer to this TEST is NOT to be the same as for #41 at top.)

50. To you personally, what appears to be the most vital and outstanding factor or factors in this Lesson-study?

Chapter 6

51. Symbolically, WHAT does Lazarus typify?

52. And the two sisters?

53. Just WHY did Jesus remain 2 days in Perea AFTER He heard that Lazarus was ill?

54. By WHAT train of events and recent history, do we again see unmistakably the DIVINE INSIGNIA in this miracle, which can also PROVE – even to the skeptic – that Jesus was immeasurably MORE than merely a smart man and a great Teacher?

55. On the strength of WHICH statement by Jesus, is it herein claimed that Jewry will now remain in Palestine, and enter into the glorious Promises of their ancient prophets?

56. WHAT did the grave-clothes of the resurrected Lazarus portray?

57. Similarly, the NAPKIN about his face when he emerged from the tomb?

58. Of what was Bethany A TYPE?

59. Symbolically, why did Martha and Mary meet Jesus "outside the city"?

60. To you personally, what appears to be the factor or factors OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IN THIS LESSON-study?

(N.B.: This prophetic miracle-drama is of sweeping scope; nor can a few questions cover its substance. But let the student especially bear in mind that as Lazarus was sick and died THEN, so did it likewise fulfill on a national scale. And it may be that we shall yet behold even a more breathtaking REfulfillment of the same in these End-time days!)

Chapter 7

61. WHY should the number '7' be that of His Church (commonly called His 'Bride')?

62. WHAT is the prophetic promise to us through the fact of THE CHILDREN OF THE FATHERS (who grew up in the wilderness), being permitted to enter the Promised Land?

63. To the New-born Christian, WHAT is the symbolic significance of the 'giants' espied in Canaan, which did frighten the Israelites, and did turn their minds from the attempt to "go in to possess the land"?

64. WHY should we be especially interested in 'prophecy'?

65. WHAT is the cryptic statement in Revelation which shows us that His dealing with the END-time Church, and calling her out and to Himself, is NOT to be confined to one split moment in time but, rather, cover several years?

66. WHAT statement in Revelation clearly portrays that The Church must face and endure most of The Fiery Tribulation period before she is taken out of the world?

67. Ancient, liberated Israel rebelled in their hearts and wanted to return to Egypt: WHAT does this typify among modern Christendom?

68-69. (TEST): WHAT does, or what should, the peculiarity of the number '7' – in relationship to other numbers TEACH us? Or of what does it warn us IF we wish to be in that company elected OUT OF THE ELECT for the exclusive Bride of Christ?

70. The especially important factors (to you)?

Chapter 8

71. WHAT is the symbolic significance of leaven?

72. WHY was not the Passover Festival at the Autumn Equinox instead of the Vernal Equinox?

73. Just WHY is "our life *HID* with Christ in God"? ***(Col. 3:3)***

74. WHAT shall permit our Life (in Christ) to COME OUT OF HIDING?

75. When Jesus was speaking to His disciples about His eventual return to earth, WHY did He use the pronoun 'they' instead of 'you'?

76. Cite the verse (in Lev. 23) and quote the passage, wherein it was clearly stated by God through Moses, how eventually they should *become accepted* through A VICARIOUS offering (symbolically depicted).

77. WHY was Jewry carried away on the PASSOVER day in 70 A.D., when God had promised them protection from their enemies on such days?

78. WHAT saw the first fulfillment of the 'wave-sheaf' offering: "on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it"?

79. WHY are we justified to look for a 2nd and even greater fulfillment of this same prophetic rite, to be realized by His END-time Church?

80. To you personally, what appears to be the outstandingly important factor, or factors, in this Lesson-study?

Chapter 9

81. How can we demonstrate conclusively that the fruit (30-60-100-fold) brought forth, is CHARACTER and VIRTUES, rather than 'good works'?

82. Quote the special words of Christ which establish this fact.

83. What is the principal lot or destiny of the 100-fold?

84. Similarly of the 60-fold?

85. And of the 30-fold?

86. By what number demonstration can we clearly establish that the 30-fold are NOT members of the Spirit-born Church?

87. When does the true "Kingdom" era commence?

88. What, then, can we properly term the impending Millennium?

89. (TEST question): By what ACT and INJUNCTION given by God through Moses are we shown through TYPE that the first Christian category (30-fold) have NOT "eternal life"?

90. To you personally, what appears the chief factor or factors of this Lesson-study?

(N.B.: TEN points allowed for a try at the TEST question. The same also for #90.)

Chapter 10

91. WHAT is the 2nd edge of the sword proceeding out of His mouth?

92. WHY should we earnestly strive to use it?

93. Of WHAT was Rebekah a 'type'?

94. WHO today is the 'brother' unto the Bride of Christ?

95. WHO, or WHAT is represented as being the 'mother' of the Spirit-born Church?

96. WHY was Rebekah hastened away 10 days sooner than the wish of her mother and brothers?

97. HOW many days were there in the earth's sin-FREE orbit?

98. WHAT ethical principle was announced by God Himself which justifies us to believe that the duration of the Gentile Christian era will evenly balance those before the flood?

99. (TEST): The name 'Rebekah' means a 'noose'. WHY should that be suitable for Christ's Bride?

100. In this Lesson-study, WHAT do you personally consider to be the principal factor or factors?

[N.B.: Always be sure to TRY the test questions. They help you to think!]

Chapter 11

101. WHAT does Esau typify?

102. The account of Esau selling out his birthright to Jacob is a repetition IN TYPE of what earlier Bible narrative?

103. WHAT does Jacob represent?

104. WHAT do the wives of Jacob typify?

105. And WHAT do his SONS represent?

106. HOW can CANAAN (which means 'a lowland') typify HEAVEN which is a HIGHLAND?

107. Symbolically, wherein do we find the beauty of Rachel?

108. WHEREin has world JEWRY prophetically fulfilled – the type of Jacob serving Laban in Padan-Aram?

109. WHAT was the meaning of Isaac being nearly blind so he could not discern between Esau and Jacob?

110. WHAT would you say is the most outstanding factor, or factors, of this Lesson?

Chapter 12

111. WHAT did the "two bands" of Jacob portray?

112. WHAT event in the life of Jacob portrayed a great SHORTENING in time?

113. HOW does Jacob's embalming portray the resurrection?

114. WHEREin are we Scripturally shown that – IN TYPE – decreed fate comes FIRST TO THE EARTHLY, then later to the spiritual (ones)?

115. WHAT is the symbolic significance of the Cave of Machpelah?

116. WHAT should it mean to us that the Egyptians mourned so sorely for Jacob?

117. WHAT Truth are we shown by the fact that the Cave of Machpelah belonged to Heth the Hittite?

118. WHY was the cave 'BEFORE' Mamre?

119. (TEST): The very name 'Jacob' means 'supplanter' or 'REplacer', so WHY should God CHANGE his name to that of 'Israel'?

120. Here give a brief highlight of what this 'Rebekah's Veil' book has meant to you.

Answers

Chapter 1

1. "Here a little and THERE a little" has God revealed, according to what He discerned GOOD and needful for man at that time. With man's carnal propensities, he can but assimilate small portions of Truth at the time – as induced by EXPERIENCE in his pilgrimage through SUFFERING.

2. Moses putting the veil over his face the SECOND TIME portrayed the remaining pall of darkness AFTER that Christ had come.

3. Because in a fully matured wine, the natural sugars HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO SPIRIT – even as the seemingly sweet lusts coursing in man's bloodstream must be CHANGED and yield to SPIRIT-life.

4. He who is instructed in the mysteries of the Kingdom – said the Christ – shall be like unto an householder who is able to bring forth from his storehouse: TREASURES *NEW* and old!

5. Water typifies the SOUL. Primitively, it was man's ONLY reflecting medium. The SOUL-life reflects what the Spirit within IS!

6. As the water-pots were to hold water (soul), so do they typify the EARTHLY human bodies which house the SOUL.

7. Reeds grow on lowland, portraying HUMBLE mortals.

8. By converting water to wine, Christ foreshadowed a millennial event when the human blood-steam shall be changed to a SPIRIT-charged potential; inaugurating the age of immortality in human flesh.

9. We may expect the "firstfruits" of this to manifest at the true inception of the Millennial Sabbath reign of truth and righteousness.

10. Varies with the student.

Chapter 2

11. Unto the ENTIRE WORLD because He crossed the Sea of GALILEE.

12. "Passover unto the other side" – which they did from the north unto the South, prophetically portrays the COMMAND to be received by His CLOSE FOLLOWERS, at the end of life's experience – 'day' – throughout the world – to change from the material body to that of the GLORIFIED BODY. It is the Church's "CALL"!

13. The Gentile nations will then take leave of their native intelligence, stampeding violently to their own destruction, by colossal and unprecedented violence let loose in World War III. Taking leave of their "native intelligence" in that they will resort to ANNIHILATION weapons before its close.

14. Taking place in the EVENING of the day, bespeaks the CLOSE of that DAY of experience – during which His church assimilates life's parabolic lessons.

15. The waters of Galilee refer to the soul-impinging experiences of humanity. The veiled TRUTH in Parables are the LESSONS-IN-TRUTH we learn of life's parabolic experiences, the lessons of which we are slow to perceive.

16. Pompey of Rome bespeaks the GENTILE WORLD; Rome at that time being is Mistress.

17. The tempest-tossed sea portrays *world* DISTRESS, becoming especially serious as the "close of day" arrives.

18. The short distance over which the swine stampeded to their destruction, portrays the SHORT DISTANCE (in time) required for the Gentile nations to destroy themselves. (Time and distance are synonymous.)

19. The two "peculiar" factors demonstrating the Divine Insignia are: (1) emphatic JUDGMENT of the unholy condition, with POWER to deal herewith immediately. (2) Veiled PROPHECY enacted in the dramatic miracle. God as operative through the Christ?

20. Varies with the student.

Chapter 3

21. The desert depicts the spiritually barren world where the multitudes have nothing to TRULY nourish them – save for the TRUE BREAD OF LIFE.

22. The multitude was FED; the FRAGMENTS gathered together; the Lake was crossed over – almost THEN the Lord came to them. Wherefore, as we have now witnessed the symbolic REenactment of the gathering together of the 12 sons of Israel to Palestine, so may we shortly anticipate His COMING to His own.

23. A mountain typifies a Kingdom. His ascending the mountain while the disciples commenced crossing the Sea, shows the Lord ASCENDING TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM ALONE, before coming to them near the journey's end.

24. Because He ascended to Heaven FIRST, so did HE ascend the mountain BEFORE crossing over to rescue His

FAITHFUL.

25. Their landing at Gennesaret is another DETAIL by our Lord, and another CORROBORATION of the prophetic figure that it is the "GARDEN OF THE PRINCE" into which His close followers finally enter.

26. The multitude having no food save the 7 units, portrays the SEVEN-pronged candelabra: a reflection of the 7 angels before the Throne of God, who in turn became the Spirit-investiture of the "7 Churches in Asia." Today we find the same number of PARENT-bodies among the organized church structure.

27. The 2 and the 5 of the 7 units answer to the 2 RITUALISTIC churches enjoining FISH for a season; and the other 5 who preach THE TRUE BREAD OF LIFE.

28. Going BEFORE Him westward to Bethsaida (house of FISHING), shows His faithful launching out into the world in the spirit of WORSHIP to fish for human souls (Bethsaida). THIS they do while He is on the Mountain Top (Heaven).

29. The "contrary winds" (to "Bethsaida") are modern methods of public entertainment, and means of leisure and pleasure which detract from spiritual interests, increasing the difficulties of the Gospel's SUCCESS.

30. Varies with the student.

Chapter 4

31. "Hard by the sea of Galilee"? To indicate the overall WORLD-conditions involved in both instances. The Jewish nation was to be scattered. Much of Jacob's seed was already in dispersion. While the Gentiles were and are throughout the entire world. Both depicted Christ's INTERNATIONAL mission.

32. As we have seen the 12 baskets full of gathered fragments fulfilled through the gathering of Jacob's 12 sons from out of the Gentile world, so may we expect the 7 baskets full of fragments with the TEN-units to bespeak the CHURCH (7) gathered out of the Gentiles (10).

33. "Out of the Gentiles" is the specifically declared Word of God. Here indicated by the 10-units; but more specifically by the GALILEE factor.

34. BARLEY ripens EARLY. Hence the barley-bread bespeaks a work concluded EARLY, or ahead of time. It also alludes to the "firstfruits."

35. The multitude without food 3 days bespoke how the Gentiles were not to receive the True Bread of Life for 3 centuries (3 x 10 x 10 = 300).

36. The gathering, or lifting UP of the Church is shown by "Magdala" on the southwest shore to which they crossed. Magdala means a TOWER or HIGH place, while crossing from the north (body) to the southwest 'TOWER'.

37. The Lake's crossing AFTER the multitudes were fed shows us that the spiritual work of dispensing the TRUE BREAD OF LIFE must FIRST take place for both Jew and Gentile 'ere He will call for His own.

38-39-40. (TEST): WE have seen how His feeding of the 5,000 and the 12 baskets left of fragments spoke of His work for the earthly Israel people; and how the 4,000 and the 7 baskets of fragments speak of the Gentiles, which eventually shall yield His "Bride." His work for the JEWS commenced THEN AND THERE (in the flesh): Therefore were they FED at the foot of the Mountain BEFORE He ascended it alone. While for the Gentiles, He went part way up where they were fed from a plateau, and THE CAME TO HIM! This showed He would have ASCENDED before the Gentiles accepted Him; entailing their COMING TO HIM (by faith) for THE BREAD OF LIFE and the cleansing and regeneration (fish).

Chapter 5

41. Jesus spoke by Parables because the people were not of sufficient spiritual maturity to receive that fullness of Truth He wanted to reveal for the good of FUTURE GENERATIONS. (See *Matt. 3:10-15.*)

42. During 40 days following the resurrection, Jesus performed NO healing miracles because through His sacrifice (for ALL) had he provided AN EVER-PRESENT REMEDY, easily available unto all peoples; dealing with sin's consequence!

43. Peter had been elected by Jesus to HEAD that small group He chose to carry the Gospel unto the world. Therefore was it Peter, and he chose to go a-fishing (moved by His Spirit): to DO that which would prophetically portray the Spirit-Truth, as well as things to come, in detail.

44. In its first prophetic application, the 200 cubits to shore spoke of the approximate 200 years before the early Christian Church became recognized as "a going faith." Secondly, as the approximate 2,000 years for the church's era.

45. The bread for "the Bread of LIFE" and the fish for "the MYSTERY of *RE*-generation": both had to be provided by the Christ, for, it is not in the power of man to accomplish either on his own. Observe the ONE ("1") – LIFE, in the instance of both the bread and fish which Christ had provided.

46-49. (TEST): Indeed it would have been just as simple – or easier – for our Lord to VEIL Spirit-Truths and details of the Kingdom-Plan in Parables. Yes, and people down through the ages would have assimilated MORE of its Spirit-meat than they have derived from the miracles! ! But the great and vital point is: our Lord overlooked no vital factor to PROVE HIMSELF! Had His great miracles merely been feats of great power, we should today have NO EVIDENCE or proof that He ever performed the recorded miracles! (Indeed, a new

"version" of His life is already out which denies His miracles). In fact, vast numbers today DOUBT His great Works! But when it is REVEALED – even to the gross skeptic – that His miracles – AS RECORDED – distill into PROPHECY – much of which has already seen fulfillment, and ALL interlinking and corroborating one the other, then it becomes overwhelmingly evident and utterly IRrefutable that a Being of COLOSSAL SPIRITUAL STATUS LIVED AND WROUGHT; imprinting in His Works THE DIVINE INSIGNIA, by means of which the skeptic shall be convinced, while the Believer has his faith stepped up to an ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE!

50. Varies.

Chapter 6

51. LAZARUS typifies Abraham, and his seed "whom God helps" – according to His oath. Today we see the mighty hand of God as He has and still is REgathering this seed of Jacob – out from the tomb of the nations to plant them again!

52. Lazarus' two SISTERS: Martha and Mary, are the SOUL-portion of the 'household"; hence the CHURCH of Jesus Christ.

53. Jesus had to FULFIL THE PATTERN! Therefore, as He was about to demonstrate a portion of THE PLAN as affecting the House of Abraham; it became incumbent for Him to remain TWO DAYS: "on the other side of Jordan" (the Veil of death) to agree with the 2,000 years (2 days) He had waited IN THE HEAVENLIES before arising to go into Lazarus. Jewry was at the time SICK in body and soul. Spiritually they were DEAD, and had also been subject to physical death 2,000 years (Abraham to Christ), and were to thus continue THAT much longer (4,000 years = 4 days Lazarus dead).

54. Had Jesus merely been a smart man and perhaps some

sort of "magician," then the details of His MIRACLE-works would not be found in agreement with history past and future! But because He was Divine: the "only begotten Son of the Father," do we find that He CONFORMED His deeds to the Divine Plan as above. And now we see how national Lazarus – Jewry – has been called back, and out from the nations at the PRECISE EXPIRY of the 4th day (4,000 years) from Abraham. Such amazing PROPHECY wrought-in-drama goes far beyond the scope of some clever man!

55. "Loose Him and LET HIM GO!"

56. His grave-clothes bespeak LIMITATION of action due to the recent emergence from the tomb of the nations. It will take TIME to shed these.

57. As to the napkin about his face: it bespeaks his BLINDNESS to the TRUTH about him FOR A SHORT TIME FOLLOWING HIS RESURRECTION. But we realize that quickly did the *SISTERS* remove that napkin. So now! When the Church of Christ (Martha and Mary) go "out of the city" to meet their Lord, THEN shall Lazarus' eyes be UNcovered. THEN shall he see his Lord!

58. BETHANY is "the house of DATES:" the Church – His sweetmeat.

59. The ENTIRE WORLD is the "CITY" unto His church at the present time. When they "go out of the city" to meet Him, THEN must they be taken OUT of this world.

60. Varies.

Chapter 7

61. In *NUMBER SYMBOLISM* it has been demonstrated how "7" is UNaffiliated with all numbers save "1". Therefore is it called the VIRGIN number, and thus pre-eminently FIT TO TYPIFY

HIS VIRGIN BRIDE.

62. As "the children of the fathers" grew up in the wilderness and did go in to "possess the land," so does that bespeak modern Christendom of the END-time who should be privileged to "cross Jordan on dry ground" – not tasting of death.

63. God has so ordained that EVERY BORN-AGAIN Christian may IMMEDIATELY "go in to possess the land" and the promises. But now – like then – "giants" are espied in Canaan. The "Lusts of the flesh" and the conditions and the responsibilities of this world, take on GIGANTIC proportions, frightening the Believer into the conviction that he is too weak to OVERCOME THEM. Hence, because no effort is made AT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT, the golden opportunity passes. Wherefore, now as then, they must WANDER IN THE WILDERNESS 40 YEARS (time of testing).

64. It is the PROOF which can convince any skeptic; and strengthens the weak.

65. In "the dayS of the voice of the 7th angel – when he shall BEGIN TO SOUND" ***(Rev. 10:7; 11:15)***.

66. "The WOMAN was given two wings of a great eagle – that she might fly into the wilderness" – 42 months (see Rev. 12:6, 14).

67. The lusts of the flesh and the illusory lights of this world lure the Newborn Christian just liberated from Egypt, to seek these and live "after the flesh." THIS is the desire to "return unto Egypt."

68-69. (TEST) IF you have correctly understood and answered #61, then you will realize that as the number 7 HAS *NO* RELATIONSHIP to any of the other digits (save "1"), so likewise must be the spiritually aspiring unto that exclusive body of His BRIDE have NO RELATIONSHIP with the things of this world, except such as are in and for the manifest life and light of God ("1"). Therefore is it written: ***"They are virgins*** (celibates). ***These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever***

He goeth. . ." *(Rev. 14:4)*. They recognize no spirit of allegiance to anyone nor anything in this world which could swerve their spirit of fidelity from the Glorious ONE betrothed. NUMBERS are the language of God! HEAR Him!

70. Varies with the student.

Chapter 8

71. The Devil is *"the prince of the Power(s) of the AIR" (Eph. 2:2)*. Therefore, as LEAVEN *heaves up* a substance through the infilling of AIR-cells, causing it to take on an UNtrue appearance, similarly is it spiritually. FALSE doctrine and HALF-Truths which DISTORT the Truth and Light, lead to disobedience and sin.

72. Israel's EXODUS from Egypt did not set the time for the "Passover," but conversely: God's "Passover" time in the Heavens determined the day that Israel should go out from Egypt! For, through God's GRACE would man's sins be overlooked (washed away) – that he might enter into LIFE. Wherefore, that everything should show forth His Truth – according to the correct symbology by the SIGNS He had placed in HEAVEN, did it become imperative that the Sun (= LIFE or Spirit of God), should be in the 1st (1 = Life) Constellation (= Aries the Ram or LAMB of God), crossing the Equator from the south (soul) over INTO the North (= earthly conditions and HUMAN BODY); thus perfectly symbolizing His spiritual undertaking to GIVE LIFE UNTO THE WORLD. At NO other time of the year could this have been symbolize by His fiery moving FINGER IN THE HEAVENS – by which God speaks to us in flaming fire, traced for all to see!

73. Our life is *"hid with Christ in God"* for the simple reason that we have it as A PROMISE, for we are as yet IMperfect. All this is symbolized by the "mercy-seat" which was a covering or shelter. Similarly was Noah's Ark. And the same truth

typified by the "cities of REFUGE" to which the erring could flee.

74. WHEN the full price of our redemption has been presented before CENTRAL POWER in the Heavenlies. For that Awe-inspiring event in the presence of Almighty God was the Day of ATONEMENT ordained to portray. When, then, the last member of "the purchased possession" has been called forth, THEN shall the full REDEMPTION PRICE BE presented in LIVING BLOOD. THEN are we *free* and no longer ***"hid with Christ in God."***

75. The "you" of His disciples shall no longer be on earth – in the day of His return. Therefore the shift from the YOU to the "they."

76. ***"And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD TO BE ACCEPTED FOR YOU: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it" (Lev. 23:11).***

77. The promise of PROTECTION by God unto His people when they gathered to WORSHIP Him had fully been kept. But then Jewry REJECTED the TRUE "Passover Lamb" – continuing in animal sacrifices, then did that become the ***"overspreading of abominations"*** instead of WORSHIP; hence did He permit their destruction. . . .

78. The resurrection and ASCENSION of Jesus "on the morrow after the Sabbath" was the WAVING of the sheaf "to be ACCEPTED FOR US."

79. Because the world is the Lord's "harvest field" and he is THE OWNER of the harvest field rather than THE HARVEST.

80. Varies with the student.

Chapter 9

81. FRUIT brought forth by any seed comes WHERE SEED WAS SOWN!

82. In *Matthew 13:19* the Christ declared: *"...then cometh the Wicked One and catcheth away that which WAS SOWN IN THE HEART."* Since the seed was sown IN THE HEART, then from thence comes the fruit: namely, virtues and good character.

83. The outstanding lot of the 100-fold is to be "caught up" to ever be with their Lord.

84. The lot of the 60-fold remains here on earth in the inheritance of the earth-based Kingdom. Although not shown in the text, their number ("6" x 10 = 60) is the basic number of MAN – who was created to be an earth-dwelling being. But with the REST of God in placement for BODY, betokens their lot of IMMORTALITY.

85. By the pattern wrought through Joseph who was "30" when he stood before Pharaoh, we see their lot to be RULERS here on earth outside the geographical Kingdom era. Observe also how the 100 and 60-fold groups were both shown us in type by BIRTHS, but none for the 30-fold. Again indicating how the two have LIFE through a "birth," but not so for the 30-fold (which within that category).

86. 100-fold = PERFECTION.
<u>–30-fold</u>
70 lacking.

By means of this simple math demonstration, the fact fairly shouts at us that they lack the number of the Church (7) raised to its first SOUL-power.

87. The true "Kingdom" era does not commence until following the Millennium.

88. The impending Millennium is to be the "Sabbath-day" of the Lord, when those found worthy enter into His "REST."

AFTER that day of REST, COMMENCES the work of the new and true "Kingdom."

89. The FIRST STEP God enjoined of His people in Egypt was the KEEPING OF THE PASSOVER. This Passover Lamb was shut up on the 10th, showing LIFE in place for SOUL. With its LIFE-blood on the door posts and lintel (body and soul), the destroying "angel" would observe and "pass over." ...Yet now let us observe the strict injunction:

> ***"And none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning."***
>
> ***Exodus 12:22***

Thus, by inference do we see that whosoever did NOT remain in the blood-sprinkled house throughout the night would die the death of the uncircumcised. THAT bespeaks the conditional PROMISE of Life. Observe also how the "firstborn" among the Egyptians and their beasts died. They typify the ADAMIC BODY, while their "firstborn" the "soul." Thus again the same truth is shown.

90. Varies with the student.

Chapter 10

91. HIS sword's 2nd edge is the veiled PROPHECY (for "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" – Rev. 19:10). It is the 'follow-up', or 'comeback' which lends FINALITY to the declaration by means of the authority established.

92. Its expert wielding can and will convince the "doubting Thomas."

93. Rebekah – as the wife of Isaac – typifies the Bride of Christ.

94. The 'Bride's' "brother" is world Jewry ("Lazarus").

95. "Zion" = "the heavenly Jerusalem which is above, and is

the mother of us all."

96. Rebekah was hastened away sooner than her kindred wished for to prophetically depict how the Holy Spirit will snatch away the "Bride of Christ" sooner than a carnal Christendom would prefer. THAT becomes the "shortening" of these days.

97. There were 360 days in the earth's sin-free orbit.

98. ***"O House of Israel, <u>are not My ways equal</u>? Are not your ways UNequal?" (Ezek. 18:29).*** By which words of the Prophet, God declared His JUSTICE and His *equality unto all.* And His stressing it unto the House of *Israel,* speaks particularly to *end-time Christendom.*

99. REBEKAH meaning a "noose" is the same as a snare. It could be said that it beguiles, or CAPTIVATES; and usually leads to death. BOTH of these meanings are brought out by the 'woman; – LOVED so intensely by the Christ. For, first He was 'beguiled' into the earthly incarnation. Then by her great need and potential BEAUTY He was 'captivated', snared, taken, and finally yielded up His body of flesh for the one He LOVED!

100. Varies with the student. . . .

Chapter 11

101. ESAU as the elder and HAIRY man, typifies the man of FLESH who is born BEFORE the maturity is reached which nets the MAN OF SPIRIT.

102. ESAU – the firstborn – selling his birthright to the REPLACER, is a repetition – in type – of THE LOST ESTATE in Eden through Adam's "fall."

103. JACOB – as the SMOOTH man and HEEL-er, typifies the born-again Christian, who does not respect the BODY

OF FLESH, but aspires to the blessing of his FATHER (God).

104. The wife of a person as the "helpmate" for her man, typifies the SOUL-qualities which a mortal strives to obtain during this septenary cycle.

105. SONS typify positive virtues: that is, the FRUIT of "earned" soul qualities (wives). For example Leah ("weariness of Soul") bears Judah ("praise"), showing how man learns to PRAISE GOD for His goodness, AFTER he has entered into "weariness of soul" (Leah) in Padan-Aram (the fields of this world).

106. Canaan was a lowland of reeds. These typify meek and humble people. And it is the truly humble who are willing to "lose their lives" who become citizens of the "promised" land (Heaven).

107. "Rachel" means a EWE and/or a JOURNEY. It takes a ewe to mother a lamb. Thus when earth's pilgrimage (Padan-Aram) has fostered enough HUMBLENESS and meekness (the lamb) to set out for the return trek to the "promised land" then is that soul BEAUTIFUL in the sight of God.

108. Jacob in Padan-Aram typifies (among his people) the world JEW since the time of Christ, FREE but struggling in the world's eminent places to gain SOUL qualities and VIRTUES (wives and sons) for THE RETURN TRIP HOME!

109. Isaac's near blindness typifies how CHRIST Who is dim in EARTHLY vision, not discerning the elder-AFTER-THE-FLESH in order that the FULLNESS OF BLESSING may go forth on him who is the REPLACER, i.e., "Born-again" by the SPIRIT. For the "elder shall serve the younger": the man of FLESH must serve the one of SPIRIT.

110. This varies with the student.

Chapter 12

111. The "TWO bands" of Jacob speak primarily of the two groups of people which shall inherit the TWO-fold kingdom (earth-based and heavenly). Secondly it alludes to the two groups of His Church in the last days when "one shall be taken and the other left."

112. Jacob's thigh-sinew shrinking meant he couldn't travel so far. THAT portrays a SHORTENING in distance or TIME.

113. The embalming was preservation of the flesh; alluding to that MASTER WORK by God, wrought through the resurrection.

114. ESAU the hairy man of flesh was FIRST BORN and also first married. This portrays destiny FIRST to the earthly: while the SMOOTH man followed in birth and destiny.

115. The Cave of Machpelah was a figure of DEATH, for death is the *entrance* to the other "fold," or that of the UNSEEN.

116. The Egyptians' sore mourning for Jacob, points to the end-time tribes of the earth who shall weep bitterly when they see the REMAINS of the Spirit-aspiring (the REplacer) being carried to the other side of Jordan (death), and taken out of sight as they are joined to the unseen "fold" (meaning of Machpelah).

117. "Heth" means "dread and terror." As the Cave points to DEATH, so it did belong to the son of TERROR (fear). Adam and Eve hid themselves (in fear) after their sin;. OBEDIENCE nets confidence, while disobedience nets FEAR and *death.*

118. The Cave (= death) was BEFORE Mamre, showing how the era of DEATH must reign previous to that of IMMORTALITY (Mamre = "the LUSTY one").

119. The REplacer "Jacob" is that in an EARTHLY sense. He

seeks righteousness "after the Law" for what it may profit him (even unto an earthly kingdom). Yet that type of righteousness IS NOT SUFFICIENT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD! Therefore must the REplacer himself also be REPLACED, hence God's changing his name in a SPIRITUAL POWER. Esau-Jacob-Israel shows the 3 states: (1) Esau who achieves through INHERITANCE, (2) Jacob who inherits through "righteousness AFTER THE LAW" while (3) Israel who inherits the Kingdom through the "righteousness of God" – which is Righteousness FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' sake (not righteousness for what THAT may profit).

120. Varies.

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